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Township Committee Marks Awards Night With Farewell to Mayor

The unusually large turnout for Monday evening's Township Committee meeting wasn't because of a hot-button agenda item. In addition to being the last meeting at which Mayor Phyllis Marchand would preside, it was awards night, and the families of Township volunteers and employees who had served the community for five years and more had assembled to see them being honored with gifts.

"This is one of the nicest things that we ever do in this room," Ms. Marchand observed at the beginning of the ceremony. "This town could not exist without our superb staff and professional volunteers. You're the heart and soul of the community."

Township Engineer Bob Kiser and Administrator Jim Pascale were among the long-time employees recognized, with 25 years of service each. After shaking hands with committee member Chad Goerner, Police Chief Mark Emann, a 30-year veteran, joked that Mr. Goerner "told me that he was three years old when I came on the force." On a more serious note Mr. Emann observed that he "can't think of a better community to work for. I couldn't be prouder."

To mark the occasion of Ms. Marchand's last committee meeting, Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller read a proclamation citing her dedication to the Township and declaring November 24 to be Phyllis Marchand Day. "If this was a sports event, we'd be retiring the jersey of an outstanding player, and if the jersey had a number, it would be number one," he said. Each of the committee members took turns describing Ms. Marchand's accomplishments and wishing her well in the future. Lance Liverman cited Ms. Marchand's "mind boggling contributions," Vicky Bergman described her as "a guiding force for the Township," and Mr. Goerner lauded her commitment and energy. "She has set the bar so high," he observed.

"It's been a wonderful 22 years," said Ms. Marchand, who refrained from making a formal speech out of concern that she would become too emotional. Joking about it being time to retire, she pointed to her husband, Sy, in the audience, and said that "when your husband tells you that you have cobwebs in your oven, you know that you haven't been sharing many home-cooked meals."

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Library Prepares for "No-Growth" Budget

At a Board of Trustees meeting last week, Princeton Public Library Director Leslie Burger reported that "careful planning" during the last year is helping in her effort to create a no-growth budget for the coming year. The decision not to replace two full-time employees who recently resigned also figured in her calculations, along with the "red-pencilling" of non-essential items.

The library's proposed operating budget for the coming year is \$4,573,021, representing a one percent increase from last year, with a request of \$37,410 from the Borough and Township.

Costs beyond the library's control in 2009 include, she said, a mandatory 100 percent employer contribution (equalling \$60,000) to the New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System; a three-percent increase associated with the State Health Benefits Plan; increased energy costs; and increased building maintenance costs. Poor market performance in 2008 reduced the library's endowment contribution for 2009 by \$37,298.

In addition to eliminating the two full-time staff positions and their associated benefits, the library is reducing its part-time budget as a result of attrition and reassignment. The only exception to the new hiring freeze will be cases where a position is vital to library operations.

"Staff have been asked to work harder, and we're trying to reduce costs," Ms. Burger said. Employees who in the past received three-and-one-half percent annual salary increases will probably receive three percent in the coming year, which is consistent with current plans for Borough employees. A longevity payment program for employees who would have become eligible in 2009 has been eliminated; other staff have been grandfathered for the future.

Money saved by a recent cut in print and digital subscriptions and orders for reference books will be applied to the budget for circulating books. Other mea-

sures described by Ms. Burger included shopping for better insurance, and rebidding custodial supplies. Heavy snowfalls would pose a financial problem and Ms. Burger half-jokingly warned Board members to prepare themselves for early-morning shoveling.

Should monies from the Borough, Township, State, and other revenue sources fail, Ms. Burger said that the "next step would be to reduce personnel and library hours." She said that she could not, "in good conscience," suggest reducing the library's book budget. Mayor Mildred Trotman, who was present at the meeting,

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Park Advocacy Groups Debate Needs Before Environmental Commission

A common theme that emerged from the park advocacy groups that came before the Environmental Commission last Wednesday was the need for more resources, more funding, and more visibility. Representatives from the Pettoranello Gardens, Rogers Refuge, Gulick Preserve, and Turning Basin Park gave presentations.

Nicholas Carnevale of the Princeton-Pettoranello Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1991, reported that over the past 17 years, the foundation, rec-

reation department, township, and members of the community have contributed \$750,000 to the creation, maintenance, and upkeep of Pettoranello Gardens.

What was then almost the "city dump" became a space for passive recreation after three years of cleanup, Mr. Carnovalo said. Collaborations between the foundation, the recreation department, and landscape architects corrected "prior problems" like erratic waterflow, and the

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BOARDING SCHOOL: Young skateboarders test the ramps and jumps at the new skate park that opened at Hilltop Park on Saturday. A county grant called "Mercer At Play" provided funding for the park, which involved collaborations between the Recreation Department, Borough, Township, University, Parks Alliance, and community. A story about the skate park is on page 3.

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GREAT SKATER: One skateboarder gets ready for a jump while others can be seen in the background awaiting their turn at the new skate park at Hilltop Park, which opened on Saturday and will be available year-round to skateboard enthusiasts as long as conditions are dry.

(Photo by Daniel Ament)

Skateboarders Defy Frigid Weather As Big Turn-Out Greets Skate Park

Despite freezing temperatures, some 250 young people clad in helmets and armed with boards could be seen Saturday morning taking turns on the various ramps, stairs, and quarter

pipes that comprise the newly installed skating surface at Hilltop Park.

TOPICS Of the Town

The Recreation Department toyed for a decade with the idea of building a skate park, but a recent county grant, entitled "Mercer at Play," finally catalyzed the project. The Borough, Township, County, University, non-profit Princeton Parks Alliance, community members and organizations, as well as the Recreation Department all collaborated to fund the park, which cost \$480,000 and was slightly under budget, according to Jack Roberts, executive director of the Recreation Department.

While skate parks are relatively rare on the East Coast, the kids assembled at Hilltop already seemed very much at home gliding and jumping on the smooth surface.

Recreation Department Program Supervisor Ben Stentz said that the number of skaters who came to the opening despite the cold weather "surpassed any expectation," and a "rough count" showed 250 skateboarders present. "It confirms that there is an interest in the facility and that the park is going to get used a lot," he added.

The first people to test the park were members of the Decked skate shop team, who prepared in advance for their demonstration at the park's opening. According to Mr. Stentz, the team said that the "layout, quality of the concrete, and flow of the structure, that is, transitions from one element to the next, was right on the money."

Simone Dublin, the manager of the Decked skate shop and skate team, called the layout "very interesting" and "appealing to the typical street skater" since "it's fast, and it's concrete." She anticipated that members of the team would use the new park to train, especially since elements found there, like a quarter pipe and rails, are unique to the site.

Despite the sheer volume of skateboarding enthusiasts

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CLOSING THE SALE: Jami Segota completes her purchase at the YWCA's Crafters' Marketplace, which was held last Saturday and Sunday at John Witherspoon Middle School. (Photo by George Vogel)

Skate Park

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we're really trying hard to get the word out about is that helmets are absolutely mandatory for every single person, regardless of age," Mr. Stentz said, adding that the "enforcement of that rule will be pretty tough." Other than that, the space will be unsupervised, and he anticipates that the kids will "take good care of it."

—Dilshanie Perera

Crossroads Craft Fair To Benefit Scholarships

Crossroads Nursery School will hold a craft fair on Sunday, December 7, from 2 to 5 p.m., to raise funds for its scholarship program.

"The Kimino Quilt," a twin-size quilt designed and sewn by the school's staff, will be raffled at \$20 a ticket. Other hand-made items will be for sale, including toys, scarves, children's clothing, note cards, and baked goods.

There will also be a silent auction with items and services donated by local Princeton merchants. A children's activity room will keep youngsters occupied while parents browse, or enjoy refreshments in the tea room.

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Impact of Latino Immigration on Economy Subject of Chamber of Commerce Lecture

Princeton University visiting professor David Abalos spoke to the Regional Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday about the economic impact of Latino immigration on the area. Advocating for more humane policies, Mr. Abalos urged compassion toward undocumented — and indeed all — people, saying, "At our best, ours is a story of democracy

where everybody is sacred and everyone is equal."

"There is no question in my mind that Latino immigrants are part of the economic fabric of this country and this region," Mr. Abalos said, adding that "the majority of Latinos here are from Guatemala and Mexico."

Noting that his own parents emigrated from Mexico

in the 1920s, Mr. Abalos recalled some of the hardships they encountered, acknowledging that he "came from very humble roots." While his father "cut hair and sold apples" and his mother "bought a house and rented it out," many present day Latino immigrants in the Princeton area, he observed, work in the restaurant, landscaping, and housekeeping industries.

"People have been coming here from Latin America going back to the 1980s," Mr. Abalos pointed out, citing civil unrest and political tumult as reasons for migration, while adding that "the most recent groups have come because the economies in their home countries have collapsed."

In responding to a question about the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Mr. Abalos said that "a lot of people feel that NAFTA is more of a benefit for the U.S." and noted that of the 30 million people in Mexico involved in the farming and production of corn, many lost their jobs as a result of cheaper American corn flooding the Mexican markets. "Some of that unemployment is directly related to people coming here."

While immigrants face practical problems involving access to transportation and adequate housing, Mr. Abalos suggested they also must contend with some deeply historical problems like discrimination based on race and class. "When we first got here, we were turned into people who were invisible. We were not only cheap labor, but also had to accept our inferiority," he said.

Calling that the "story of tribalism and capitalism," Mr. Abalos acknowledged that American history simultaneously shows "the story

of democracy and compassion," and urged everyone to live and enact the latter story.

Noting that 86 percent of undocumented workers pay taxes, and "are never going to see that social security," Mr. Abalos assured those present that if undocumented immigrants returned to their countries of origin, "all the businesses in the region would collapse."

Mr. Abalos added that, regardless of their politics, "I tell my students: do not become an elitist and abandon one's own community, but rather, become a human being."

Lawyer and Borough Council member Roger Martindell said that illegal diversion of wages by employers from service workers, many of whom are Latino, is a "continuing problem" in the region. Instances of diverting wages that are relatively common include failure to pay overtime when an employee works more than 40 hours per week, as well as failure to pay the worker's last paycheck when the worker quits, is injured, or fired by the employer, he said.

"There is a landscaping firm with offices in Kingston, which hires Latino workers for a week or two at a time and then fails to pay them," Mr. Martindell said of a recent case.

If an employee is not paid for work done, he or she may go to the State Department of Labor and file a complaint, or go to an attorney, Mr. Martindell noted.

While Mr. Abalos had mentioned that he was "delighted" by our police officers" in

their respect and treatment of immigrants, Mr. Martindell pointed out that in DUI stops, or in the case of an indictable offense, police officers in New Jersey may ask about immigration status.

One example showing "that the immigration system is broken, and that it treats cases insensitively without regard for the consequences," Mr. Martindell elaborated upon was the case of a Princeton resident ("one of the stable pillars of the community"), who never received the court summons

for an immigration hearing, and happened to be pulled over by police 15 years later for a minor vehicle infraction. After it was discovered that a warrant was out for the man's arrest, he was subsequently deported to Mexico.

"Just to summarily take somebody out of their family, community, and business and repatriate them is highly disruptive," Mr. Martindell said. "There is no winner in such a situation."

—Ditshanie Perera



PROFESSOR AND ADVOCATE: Visiting professor at Princeton University David Abalos spoke to the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday about the impact of Latino workers on the local economy, as well as the history of immigration to the U.S. During his presentation, he urged attendees to "live the story of democracy and compassion."

Topics In Brief A Community Bulletin

The Princeton Area Junior Woman's Club, a local nonprofit organization and a chapter of the New Jersey Federation of Woman's Clubs, is seeking corporations to assist in their annual **wish tree project**. Each year, the PAJWC, in conjunction with the Division of Youth and Family Services in Trenton, asks over 1,200 underprivileged children in the area what they are wishing for at the holiday time. Local businesses host trees with these wishes on them and collect the gifts. More businesses are needed to host the trees, which sponsor a minimum of 50 children. For more information, email the Princeton Junior Woman's Club at pajwc@aot.com, or call Anna at (908) 962-2708.

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"Since 1995, PEF has awarded PRS teachers over \$125,000 in mini-grants for more than 150 creative educational projects in all six Princeton Regional Schools," said PEF co-president Shari Powell. "Teacher mini-grants are small grants, ranging from several hundred to a thousand dollars which allow teachers to bring innovative ideas to life in the classroom."

The coordinators of one of the five projects, "Look What You Can Find On-Line," media specialists Carolyn Bailey (Johnson Park School), Carolyn Gishlick (Community Park School) and Nina Lowe (Riverside School) will use their award to purchase an on-line subscription for four Grolier Multimedia encyclopedia programs. The encyclopedias are written for K-5 students and have sections developed especially for Spanish and English language learners. The program will be available to students both at school and at home.

For "Just the Facts, Kids, Just the Fact," Johnson Park School fifth grade teachers Emily Moorman and Sharon Ryon will purchase instructional materials to create a math lending library. The purpose is to help students to learn basic math facts and improve their computational fluency.

Community Park School teachers Michael Rodos and Deb Schulterbrandt, and Instructional Technology Coordinator Liz Lien will use their award for their proposed "Type to Learn" project to purchase a software license that will assist them in their goal to help elementary students learn to type 15 words per minute with an accuracy rate of 90%.

To help answer the question "What Does the Future Hold?" John Witherspoon Middle School Guidance Counselors Evelyn Counts and John Cronin will use their award to create an activity that will bring 6th and 7th grade students who are struggling and unfocused in their academic life together with counselors in small groups to work on goal setting, achieving goals, and linking daily educational experiences to their future career and education plans.

Princeton High School teachers Scott Cameron, Kelley Carney, Christopher Collins, Doug Levandowski, Sandra Manning, Florence Meehan, and Greta Muca will use the grant money to help their project, "Connecting with Reading Enrichment Communities," by funding an activity to engage sophomores in supplemental reading, writing, and discussion of texts that they have selected from a reading list.

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- Jami Segota, Skillman



"Quiet. Quiet time with my family and friends and good food. My family is local!"

- Caroline Mitchell, Trenton



"Being thankful for whatever you have, like the ability to take a short walk around the community, to talk to whomever you love, and being able to audit classes at Princeton. We are also thankful for the new administration and a new lease on life for this country."

- Wallace and Barbara Shapiro, Monroe Township



"Good health, being with family and hopefully for the world to prosper."

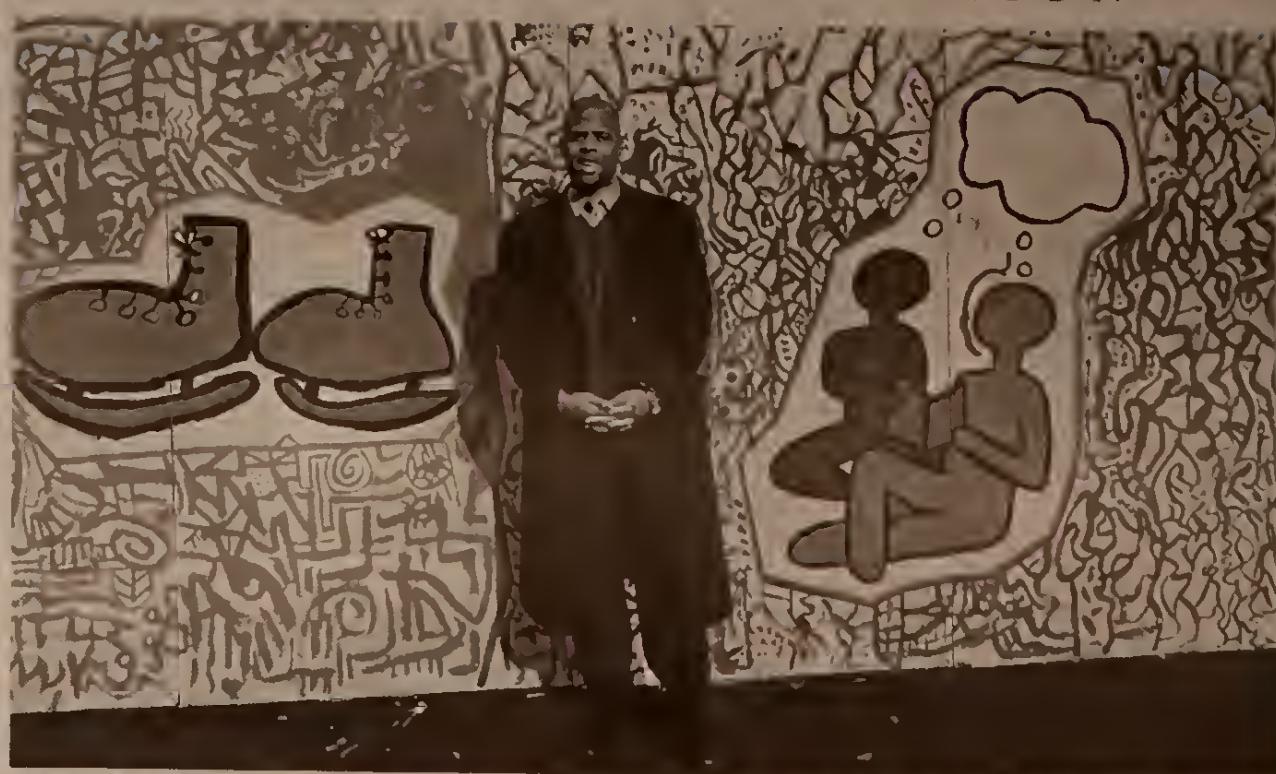
- George Hornberger, Egg Harbor Township



"Spending time with family that I haven't seen in a long time. They are in the tri-state area but we don't get to see each other that often because of the busy times we live in."

- Kathy Arena, Cape May Courthouse

PROFILES IN EDUCATION



"We want to make sure that everyone knows about us, a local, free, public, and small K through 8 school, with a strong academic focus."

—Broderick Boxley, Head of the Princeton Charter School

(Photo by Ellen Gilbert)

In July of 2008, Broderick L. Boxley became the second Head of the Princeton Charter School (PCS), which was founded in 1997. Prior to coming to Princeton, Mr. Boxley, who has a doctorate in Educational and Organization Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania, was the Mathematics Supervisor for the Cherry Hill Township Public Schools, and Curriculum Supervisor for the Pontiac, Michigan School District. Earlier, he was a Program Administrator, Portfolio Assessment Developer, and Teacher Facilitator of Educational Testing Service.

I've seen a lot of schools, and I've seen remarkable children. Every school has its signature imprint, and in the short time I've been at Charter it seems to me that the defining characteristic of the students here is how energetic they are about learning. The school's board, teachers, and previous head created a culture of learning with purposeful energy; you see kids running in from outside breaks to get to their science class. There is enthusiasm.

Teachers

The teacher makes the difference. Research supports that. My colleagues here have a remarkable level of dedication and expertise in terms of meeting student needs, and taking them somewhere. It's popular in education right now to talk about 'meeting students where they are.' The reason why I consider these teachers remarkable is because they not only meet students where they are, they take them somewhere beyond that point, where the child might otherwise not have gone. Part of my work here is to systematize that work: to take what we do really well and to pass it on to those who follow.

I've already developed a good working relationship with the faculty. I've benefited from opening the door and getting input from teachers and consultants before decisions are made. I've also benefited from the feedback I get after something has been implemented. There's a thoughtfulness about the faculty here: they don't only think about the boys and girls in front of them, but about the school as a whole.

I will be teaching middle school mathematics — I insist on it — but I wanted to ensure the success of my transition so I'm waiting to teach until next year.

During a typical day, I walk into classrooms, I visit the assistant heads of school, and I take 15 or 20 minutes to check in with the construction manager. I visit classrooms for two reasons: one is that I want to give substantive feedback to teachers each day, and the other is because I want to have something curriculum-based to discuss with boys and girls when I meet them on the playground.

One of the quiet secrets that some folks don't know about Charter is that we just don't say "oh, our fifth graders do sixth grade math." The school's charter insists that we don't leave kids to flounder by setting the highest achievement standards without supporting them. We have tutoring during the day, and after school programs. We support the work of the typically-achieving child, the struggling student, the special education student, and the high-achieving child.

One of the important things that I believe I've brought to the school is maximizing opportunities for teacher collaboration. We have "achievement roundtables" for children we've identified as needing support. We bring all of their teachers together, along with counselors and a facilitator, and we identify the child's performance strengths and areas where growth is needed. Then we plan a strategy for supporting the child. There's a strict protocol for our conversation to keep it focused. The reason I was able to get to this point so quickly is because there was an existing foundation that lent itself to a collaborative culture.

Faculty here are very interested in professional development, and we've formed faculty academic study teams that meet regularly. Teachers support each other by discussing and observing each other's work, and reading on particular topics.

Outreach

It would be quite appropriate to discuss opportunities to collaborate with the Princeton Regional School District that would benefit everyone involved. Here are two successful educational entities in the community; that would be a worthwhile conversation.

The new campus center is a reflection of our standards of excellence. We will finally have a gymnasium and a place where the entire school can come together. Everyone is excited about it. We're noted for our achievement scores, our world language program; this was an opportunity to excel in a different way. We're grateful to our donors and parent volunteers who help us get through financially challenging times. We don't have the resources that PRS has in this arena; the law doesn't allow charter schools to build the way public schools do.

We're having an Open House on December 6, and we're looking for representation from all across Princeton to come learn about us. Last night we went to the Clay Street Learning Center to encourage applicants, and we're continuing to do more outreach. We want to make sure that everyone knows about us, a local, free, public, and small K through 8 school with a strong academic focus.

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FLAMENCO CULTURE COMES TO PDS: Alborada Spanish Dance Theatre principal dancer Lisa Botalico of Princeton recently held dance workshops with students and faculty at Princeton Day School. In addition to teaching dance steps, Ms. Botalico explained how flamenco tells the stories of struggle and hope through music and movement. The program, which culminated in a performance, was hosted by the PDS Lively Arts program which finances live arts performances and artist workshops on campus.

Gadget Guru To Discuss Technology at Library

Local "gadget guru" Douglas Dixon of Manifest Technology will talk about the latest in portable digital devices for the holiday gift season at the Princeton Public Library on Tuesday, December 2, at 7 p.m. He will demonstrate and discuss trends in technology from big-screen television sets, to tiny media players; from HD cameras and camcorders, to miniature wireless accessories.

An independent technology consultant, author, and speaker specializing in digital media, Mr. Dixon is currently editor-in-chief of IRMA's Mediaware magazine. He also writes for Digital Photographer, and Conde Nast Traveler magazine, as well as U.S. 1 newspaper in Princeton. He is the author of four books and has published more than 250 feature articles, which are available on his Manifest Technology blog and website.

The presentation is part of the library's Tuesday Technology Talks series, which features demonstrations and discussions of new and emerging technologies and related issues. The series continues on Tuesday, February 3, when Joel May discusses "Wonderful Web Sites."

Eden To Build New School For Children With Autism

The Eden Family of Services recently announced a new project to design and build a state-of-the-art school for children with autism. "This is an extremely exciting time for us," said Eden's Chief Operating Officer Carol Markowitz. "I have worked at Eden since its founding in 1975 and am thrilled to be part of this monumental project — a facility that supports the 'best practices' developed at Eden for more than three decades. The opportunities at our new site are phenomenal."

Eden's new school, designed by Eden's teachers, will serve children diagnosed with autism aged 3 to 21. It will also accommodate Wawa House, Eden's Early Intervention program for infants and toddlers.

Eden will be purchasing the land for the school, which is scheduled to be completed in 2010, in Princeton Forrestal Village from Princeton University. The University intends to purchase the ex-

isting Eden property at U.S. Route 1 and Eden Way.

Working with Merilee Meacock at KSS Architects, Eden's teachers have incorporated "best practices" elements in the classrooms and gymnasium complete with a sensory motor area and weight room. The school will have model home and office areas to provide education and experiences in life skills and job skills training. In ad-

dition to having a commercial kitchen with cafeteria, the school will have a fully functional "Mini Wawa" — a model of a convenience store for job skills training. Outside activity centers include a playing field, fitness trail and half-court basketball court.

For more information about Eden visit www.edenservices.org or call (609) 987-0099.



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Princeton Township

Latrease Latray Jones, 39, of Trenton, was arrested November 17, at 2:49 p.m. for the theft of prescription drugs. The Rite Aid Pharmacy in the Princeton Shopping Center identified Ms. Jones as an employee stealing the drugs for the past 3 months. She was later released.

Hilbert Espina-Matinez, 22, of Princeton, was arrested November 23, at 10:22 p.m. for disorderly conduct after officers were called to Griggs Drive on a report of disorderly individuals possibly damaging a motor vehicle. After the officer arrived, Mr. Espina-Matinez started punching walls and wooden posts. During processing he purposely struck his forehead against a metal cuffing bar which resulted in a laceration to his forehead. He was treated at the University Medical Center at Princeton, charged and later released.

Princeton Borough

Rebecca Rauch, 22, of Princeton, was arrested November 15, at 1:53 a.m. for DWI, subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Hamilton Ave. She was later released.

Scott Gertler, 40, of Highland Park, was arrested November 17, at 12:21 a.m. for DWI, subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on University Place. He was later released.

Princeton Borough has reported the following warrant arrests:

Fernando Roman, 42, of Trenton, on November 14, at 1:50 p.m. for a warrant out of Jamesburg Municipal Court in the amount of \$200. He was later released.

Henry Fazekas, 38, of Monmouth, on November 17, at 9:35 a.m. for a warrant out of Helmetta Municipal Court in the amount of \$114. He was later released.

Charles McKenzie, 27, of Trenton, on November 17, at 11:01 p.m. for a warrant out of Trenton Municipal Court in the amount of \$204. He was later released.

Hernan Zhingri, 33, of East Windsor, on November 18, at 2:31 p.m. for warrants out of Hamilton Township and Hightstown Municipal Courts in the total amount of \$700. He was later released.

Andre James Jones, 23, of Hamilton, on November 19, at 7:54 a.m. for a warrant out of Lawrence Township Municipal Court in the amount of \$350. He was later released.

Borough DWI Enforcement Increased During Holidays

Law enforcement officials from Princeton Borough

will be cracking down on drunk drivers as part of the annual holiday season "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" campaign. Beginning December 8, and running through January 2, local and state police will conduct saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints, looking for motorists who may be driving while intoxicated.

The national campaign helps to raise awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving through high-visibility enforcement and public education tools, including posters, banners and mobile video display signs. Launched in 1999, the program works to combat drunk driving during some of the busiest travel times of the year.

"This is a critical law enforcement program that can save lives during a time of the year when impaired driving traditionally increases by nearly 10 percent," said Director of the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety Pam Fischer. "This initiative brings attention to not only the serious fines and penalties drunk drivers can face, but the grave danger these motorists pose to all individuals on the road."

Impaired drivers kill nearly 18,000 people on our nation's roadways each year. In 2007, 205 people were killed as a result of alcohol-related crashes in New Jersey. That number represents 28 percent of the 724 traffic fatalities reported in the state.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the campaign offer the following advice:

Designate a driver who will not drink before going out; take mass transit, a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home; spend the night where the activity is held; report impaired drivers to law enforcement (in New Jersey, drivers may dial #77 on their cell phones to report a drunk driver); always buckle-up.

Rescue

ficulty breathing. The crew administered oxygen and transported the patient to UMCP for evaluation and treatment.

On Tuesday, November 18, the Squad responded to a report of an elderly male who had fallen outside his home and was unresponsive and bleeding from the head. The crew arrived to find the man's son attempting to control the bleeding from multiple head lacerations. Despite the fact that he was making eye contact with members of the crew, the patient was verbally unresponsive. He was placed on oxygen and secured to a spinal immobilization device. Though he became physically combative during the crew's assessment, the patient continued to be verbally unresponsive. He was transported to the regional trauma center at Capital Health System-Fuld Campus.

On Thursday, November 20, the Squad was dispatched to a public building after a middle-aged female began seizing. The patient, who had a history of seizures, was slow to respond to the crew's questions after a seizure that reportedly lasted several minutes. She was placed on oxygen and transported to UMCP.

On Friday, November 21, the Squad responded to the residence of an elderly female whose son requested EMS when his mother became verbally unresponsive and lost motor function and coordination. She had reportedly been ill for several days and was in an altered mental state upon the crew's arrival. The crew administered oxygen and transported the patient to UMCP.

The Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad was named "2008 Outstanding Public EMS Agency" by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services. For more information on donation and volunteer opportunities, call (609) 924-3338 or visit www.pfas.org.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS: The YWCA Princeton's St. Nicholas Project is collecting gifts for low income families in the community. Participants will be matched with a family and asked to contribute presents for each child, off their wish list. Also needed, are supermarket gift certificates for holiday dinners and perhaps a small gift for the parents. The drop off day is Tuesday, December 16, 8 a.m. to noon and the location is the YWCA's Bramwell House. Patti Preston, director of early childhood education at the YWCA Princeton and Jill Jachera, project organizer are shown last year, surrounded by donated gifts. For additional information call (609) 919-6608.

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Wednesday, December 3

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Holiday Open House; Drumthwacket, 354 Stockton Street. Reservations required; call (609) 683-0057.

4:30 p.m.: Woodrow Wilson School talk by Elizabeth Pisani, epidemiologist and reporter, "The Wisdom of Whores: Bureaucrats, Brothels, and the Business of AIDS"; Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall, Princeton University. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Talk by William Chapman Sharpe, author of *New York Nocturne: The City After Dark in Literature, Painting and Photography, 1850-1950*; Princeton Public Library.

8:30 p.m.: Debate, "Can there be morality without God?", between Princeton University professor of ethics Peter Singer and author Dinesh D'Souza; Richardson Auditorium.

Thursday, December 4

4:30 p.m.: Woodrow Wilson School panel discussion, "Emerge: International Development"; Bowl 016, Robertson Hall, Princeton University. Free.

8 p.m.: Bob DeVos Quartet; Solley Theatre,

Paul Robeson Center, 102 Witherspoon Street.

Friday, December 5

7 p.m.: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.; Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m.

7:30 and 9:30 p.m.: John Knight and Keith Anthony; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

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| 12:00 p.m. | Ping-Pong; SPB. |
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Tuesday, December 2:

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7:30 p.m.: Screening of *Sketches of Frank Gehry*, directed by Sydney Pollack; Paul Robeson Center for the Arts, 102 Witherspoon Street. Free.

8 p.m.: Actors' NET of Bucks County production of Edward Albee's *Seascape*; The Heritage Center, 635 North Delmorr Avenue, Morrisville, Pa. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m.

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Emerge!, an international development fair and global marketplace, will run from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 7, in Chancellor Green on the Princeton University campus.

The bazaar is designed to highlight international initiatives with the sale of imported crafts made by artisan groups in developing regions. The event will include cultural performances, ethnic culinary arts, and informal presentations by student groups on the challenges and obstacles facing the regions.

represented.

Earlier in the week, a panel discussion, "Emerge: International Development," will be held on Thursday, December 4, at 4:30 p.m. in Robertson Hall, Bowl 16, in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Panelists will include Heartland Payment Systems chairman and chief executive officer Robert Carr; Inter-American Economic Council founder and president Barry Featherman; and Harriet Mayor Fulbright, founder and president of the J. William Harriet Mayor Fulbright Center.

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Park Groups

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leaching of toxic materials into the park, he noted.

Among the Princeton-Pettoranello Foundation's needs for maintaining the gardens, Mr. Carnevale mentioned that the organization "has proposed a dredging" of the pond inside Pettoranello, "but the costs are too high." Additionally, the township treated the pond for algae, but "they haven't done so for a few years," he observed.

Naming proved to be a contentious issue during the meeting. Mr. Carnevale said that the acknowledgement of parks "could be better," especially since most of the open spaces represented at the evening's meeting were not listed in the Recreation Department's "Princeton Parks and Open Space Guide," despite their presence on municipally-owned land.

Friends of Rogers Refuge representative Fred Spar commented that many people don't know that the refuge is nestled between the Institute Woods and the Stony Brook, though bird watchers from around the world have come there since its founding 40 years ago.

"New Jersey happens to be a prime area for birds during migration, and Princeton is right where the coastal plain meets the piedmont, and the land rises," Mr. Spar explained, noting that the marsh at the center of the Rogers Refuge, "where the woods meet the water," is where the birds tend to congregate and is also a natural wetland.

Urging "constant vigilance," Mr. Spar mentioned that the marsh, which is assisted by a pump, almost dried up four years ago when the pump failed and was not replaced for two months. "The Friends of the Rogers Refuge exists on a shoestring budget," he said, while noting that the land is owned by the water company but is managed by the township.

Kristin Brunner, representing the Princeton Girl Scouts, who have adopted Turning Basin Park, reported that the girls have "done activities to bring awareness to the park and its beautification." She was pleased that the girl scouts felt a sense of ownership of the park, and saw it as a way of making a positive impact in the community. "It's very simple," she said of their attitude, which is: "use it, and try to give back."

The Friends of the Gulick Preserve noted that the 30 acres in the eastern section of the Township was the site of the earliest settlement of Europeans in Princeton, who arrived there in 1683. Jo-Ann Munoz expressed concern that though the preserve is "as historic as the Battlefield," the land still is not recognized as a park despite being owned by the Township.

Lamenting the lack of signage to clearly mark the land as open space, Ms. Munoz asked the commission to help in securing signs. Ed Simon and Jeff Bergman, co-chairs of the Friends of the Gulick Preserve, spoke about the improvements to and future goals of the space, which include new trails and stabilizing the water level in the preserve, respectively.

President of the Princeton Parks Alliance Andrew Koontz, who is also a member of Borough Council, said that "the community needs a full-fledged parks and recreation department," while other groups agreed. Mr. Carnevale acknowledged that "there is no central authority to whom we speak," which occasionally proves problematic.

—Dilshanee Perera

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1 large head organic garlic
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh organic rosemary
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
4 large locally grown organic sweet potatoes or yams, peeled and diced to yield 8 cups
2 large locally grown organic apples, peeled and diced to yield 2 cups
1-2 teaspoons sea salt, to taste
1 teaspoon Balsamic vinegar
Black pepper, to taste



Preheat oven to 375°F. Cut top off garlic head, exposing the cloves. Place on a square of foil, sprinkle with rosemary, and drizzle with olive oil. Wrap loosely and bake until soft and golden, about 50 to 60 minutes.

Place sweet potatoes and apples in a large cooking pot and cover with water. Add salt and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer until sweet potatoes are soft, about 10 minutes. Drain, reserving 1 cup of the cooking water.

Transfer potatoes and apples to a large mixing bowl. Squeeze garlic cloves into mixture and add Balsamic vinegar. Mash, using a ricer if possible to get the ideal texture. Add cooking water, if needed, to create a creamy texture. Season with freshly ground pepper. Serve hot.

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24 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 24 births the week of November 17, 2008.

Twin boys were born to Sonia and Debabrata Ray, Cranbury, November 13.

Sons were born to Tanuja and Mukunda Nemade, Lawrenceville, November 7; Jie Gao and Guobin Sha, Princeton Junction, November 9; Kerren Lynch-Gallagher and Brendam Gallagher, Cranbury, November 13; Carmen Conde, Cranbury, November 12; Nikke and William R. Rose, Hopewell, November 16; Pamela and Gary Grund, West Windsor, November 17; Marina Konova and Ivo Nikolab, Princeton, November 18; Jill Devlin and Fran McGovern, Cranbury, November 19; Qin Zhao and Weiliang Chen, Princeton Junction, November 20; and Jie Yuan and Chang Liang Xu, Princeton, November 11.

Daughters were born to Hyon-Chin Lee and Peter Lee, Skillman, November 4; Noelia Quintana Lopez, Princeton, November 6; Catherine and Joel Coret, Lawrenceville, November 8; Brendalys and Jonathan Tam, Lawrenceville, November 8; Mu Mu and Lah Tha Pwee, Princeton, November 14; Jullisa Guzinan and Uriel Bravo, Princeton, November 16; Lisa and Dennis Sullivan, Princeton, November 18; Meera and Aman Shah, Princeton, November 18; Erika and Austin Ashenbrenner, Princeton, November 19; Ye Zhang and Weiping Li, Princeton, November 19; Lauren Stohm and Andrew Brienza, Princeton, November 19; and Alejandra Schmidt and Santiago Montt, Princeton, November 11.

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HERE'S HOW: Natalia Pliato shows daughter Gracie the basics of the Strum Stick last weekend at the YWCA's 35th annual Crafters' Marketplace at John Witherspoon Middle School.

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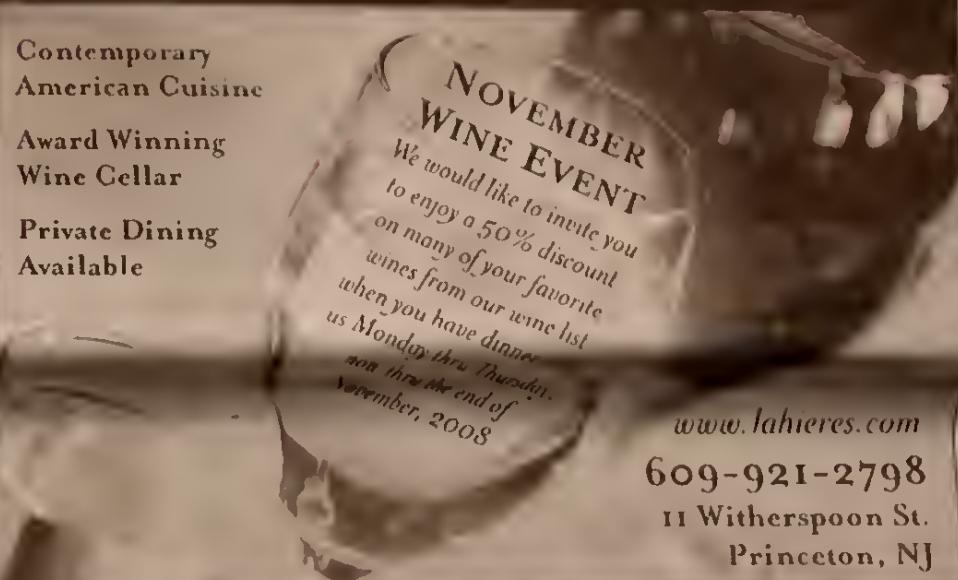
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Library Budget

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was unable to say how much money might be forthcoming from the Borough, observing that "we just don't know where we're going yet."

Although less-trafficked times at the library have been identified — Ms. Burger noted that Mondays are quieter — reducing hours is, she said, "a kind of dance" in which the implications for full- and part-time employees and the ultimate cost-effectiveness of closing down the building have to be factored in. Besides closing for one a day a week, other possible ways of reducing service hours include intermittent closings throughout the year, layoffs, and employee furloughs. Ms. Burger concluded her report by noting that "we would do our best to minimize disruption to the public in whatever reduction plan we would implement."

A happier accompaniment to the budget discussion at Tuesday's meeting was a "staff spotlight" appearance by shelving supervisor Sonja Vloeberghs. The Belgian native described how her various assignments at the library have helped her learn English, assist borrowers, and devise a more efficient shelving system for patrons who found it difficult to read the spines of books on high shelves. Of her data entry assignments Ms. Vloeberghs said, with some awe, "I couldn't believe how many people apply for a library card here every day."

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Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of December, 2008, at 7:30 P.M.,

Main Meeting Room, 400 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, New Jersey, the Zoning Board of Adjustment of said Township will hold a hearing on the application of the undersigned, at which time and place all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

**Location of premises: 247 Valley Road,
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Nature of application:

The applicant is proposing to construct a second floor dormer which requires relief for FAR.

The applicant is also asking for relief for pre-existing conditions pertaining to Lot Area, Lot Depth, Lot Width, Sideyard Setback and any other variances that the Board may deem necessary.

All documents are on file in the office of the Zoning Board in the Municipal Complex, 400

Witherspoon Street and are available for inspection

between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Regina Ryan Signature of Applicant

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Under-Funded First Aid & Rescue Squad Needs and Deserves Community Support

To the Editor:

The Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad recently ran an ad campaign in Town Topics. The ads, featuring local residents whom PFARS treated over the last several years, were part of a new fund-raising initiative that also included a direct mail appeal. Unfortunately, the response has been disappointing: donations are down 12 percent compared with last year. In these challenging economic times, it is easy to discard solicitations, however benevolent the cause. But the implications of an under-funded volunteer rescue squad are worrisome. PFARS has indicated that to continue providing a high standard of care in the future, they need private donations. Our local government funds less than 20 percent of their budget.

In the interest of full disclosure, my son was one of the people featured in the campaign. Last year, when he was two years old, he suffered a nearly fatal anaphylactic reaction and was saved by PFARS, who had been equipped with epinephrine just eight days earlier. Medical emergencies are unexpected and often life threatening. With the backing of our community, the outstanding care provided by our volunteer local rescue squad will not be jeopardized.

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Retiring Mayor Marchand Owed Thanks For Staunch Environmental Leadership

To the Editor:

Princeton Township's Mayor Phyllis Marchand is a champion of open space whose legacy benefits future generations well beyond today's Princeton community. When D&R Greenway sought to preserve the former Robert Wood Johnson estate, now Greenway Meadows, Mayor Marchand jumped in to spearhead the Township Committee's support. She demonstrated the same environmental leadership during D&R Greenway's efforts to preserve Coventry Farm, as well as the recent acquisition of the land to provide the final link in the Stony Brook Trail.

All of us who are committed to this community owe Phyllis Marchand an enormous debt of gratitude for her staunch support of land preservation in Princeton. It is truly up to this generation to determine the future of New Jersey's environment. Our mayor has been a leader in ensuring that our future will be green, and her presence will be missed.

LINDA J. MEAD
Executive Director
D&R Greenway Land Trust

Riverside School's Do Something Club Offers Thanks for UNICEF Donations

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the residents of Princeton for their generous donations to UNICEF that Riverside Elementary School students collected on Halloween. With their donations we have raised a total of \$1830.46. This money will be sent around the world to children who need the five things important to life: education, shelter, food, water, and health care.

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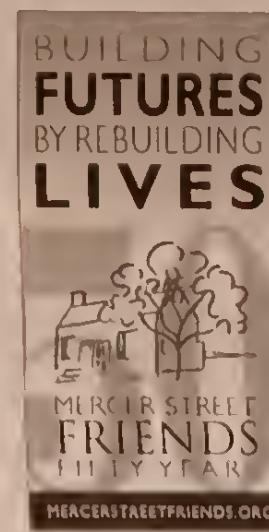
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Township Committee

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Volunteers commended for five years of service to the Township on Monday night included Julie Capozzoli, Historic Preservation Commission; Robert Cerutti, Site Plan Review Advisory Commission; Joanne Rogers, Joint Recreation Board; Colin Vonvorys, Housing Board; Michael Celia, Flood Control Commission; Barbara Felton, Zoning Board of Adjustment; Susan Goldman-Kapoor, Board of Health; and Jacqueline Tillman, Regional Planning Board.

Robert Altman of the Traffic Safety Committee and Millard Riggs of the Zoning Board of Adjustment were both recognized for ten years of service, along with John Brown, SBRSA

Oversight Committee; Ira Guterman, Site Plan Review Advisory Board; and Christopher Mario, Board of Improvement Assessors.

Joint Recreation Board volunteer Jeaninne Honstein and Historic Preservation Commission Chair David Shure were both commended for 15 years of service. Another Historic Preservation Commission member, Robert Von Zumbusch, was recognized for 20 years of service, and Harry Cooke received an award for 30 years of participation on the Site Plan Review Advisory Board. Antonio D. Pirone was commended for 40 years of service with the Construction Board of Appeals.

Township employees who received gifts for five years of work included Donald

Hansen, Public Works; Neal Snyder, Tax Assessor; David Erickson and Marsha Fais, Corner House; Glenn Hutchinson, Engineering; and Scott Parsons and Mark Woodrick, Public Works.

Honored ten-year employees were Vicki Caines and Frank Palmieri, Recreation; David Hvisdock and Daniel Taglieri, Building; Christina Iliff and Marla Montague, Police; Claudia Martinez, Engineering; Robert McQueen, Information Technology; and Gregory

O'Neil, Stephen Dobo, Jr., and Kevin Kinney, Public Works.

Michael Cifelli, Annette Henderson, and Marshall Provost were acknowledged for 15 years of service to the Police Department. Other 15-year commendations went to Christy Peacock of Affordable Housing and Leonor Sinz of Corner House.

Township Clerk Linda McDermott and Police Officer Peter Young, Jr. were cited for 20 years of work.

—Ellen Gilbert



YEARS OF SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED: Engineer Bob Kiser (left) and Administrator Jim Pascale were both recognized for 25 years of service to the Township at Monday evening's Township Committee awards ceremony. Presiding at her last meeting as Mayor, Phyllis Marchand (at the podium) is flanked (on the right) by committee members Chad Goerner, Bernie Miller, Vicky Bergman, and Lance Liverman.

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Bringing Margaret Sanger Up-to-Date, Author Reflects on Changing Times

Saying that she didn't "have the vocabulary" to fully describe birth control pioneer Margaret Sanger in the 1992 biography she wrote about her, and reflecting on 15 years' worth of historical and political changes, author Ellen Chesler revisited *Woman of Valor* last year, and added an afterward. She recently spoke about this experience at a talk, "Reconsidering Margaret Sanger: A Biographer's Perspective 15 Years After Publication," sponsored by Princeton University's Program in the Study of Women and Gender.

Ms. Chesler, who is a Distinguished Lecturer at Hunter College/CUNY, believes that her original book didn't give Sanger "enough credit." She described Sanger as having identified family planning as "a fundamental human right," bringing the subject of sexuality and reproduction into public consciousness. A world traveller in the 1930s and 1940s, Sanger enjoyed friendships with interna-

tional figures such as H.G. Wells. Ms. Chesler now sees parallels in Sanger's interest in world affairs with those of Eleanor Roosevelt, particularly with respect to Roosevelt's role in creating the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. Ms. Chesler was, coincidentally, recently named Director of Hunter's new Eleanor Roosevelt Initiative on Women and Public Policy.

Describing herself as both an activist and a writer, Ms. Chesler cited the recent advent of "harsh fundamentalism," the "dramatic erosion" of abortion rights, funding for abstinence programs, and the fragility of Roe v. Wade as important influences in reconsidering her work on Sanger, which began over thirty years ago as a dissertation topic. She described Sanger as "a collateral victim" of the current "frenzy" about abortion rights, which she sees as being fomented by the Internet.

Ms. Chesler described the world as "a messy place" with respect to Sanger's controversial embrace of eugenics in her efforts to encourage the use of birth control. Ultimately, however, Sanger was, she noted, eulogized as "an emancipator" on the front pages of major newspapers when she died in 1966.

— Etten Giltbert

"New York Nocturne" Author To Speak At Public Library

Author and Barnard College English Professor William Chapman Sharpe will discuss his book, *New York Nocturne: The City After Dark in Literature, Painting and Photography, 1850-1950*, at the Princeton Public Library on Wednesday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m.. The event is part of the library's Thinking Allowed series, which is co-sponsored by the Princeton University Press.

In the book, Mr. Sharpe describes how gaslight and electricity transformed the city at night, suggesting that the glittering skyscrapers and brilliantly lit streets became the city's visual signature. He observes how artificial lighting resulted in

new leisure time activities, as well as new ways of perceiving the nocturnal experience. The book includes written works and visual images by Poe, Whitman, Whistler, Steiglitz, Rilke, Weegee, Ellison, and many others.

"Thinking Allowed" continues on Wednesday, February 4, when writer Maria DiBattista will discuss *Imagining Virginia Woolf: An Experiment in Critical Biography*.

Public Library Program Looks At Kids and Climate

As a lead-in to its annual Environmental Film Festival, the Princeton Public Library will present author Lynne Cherry on Monday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. in a special program for adults and young people ages eight and up, about climate change. Ms. Cherry will talk about her newest book, *How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate*. She will also show a segment of her film-in-progress, *Children's Voices on Climate*.

Ms. Cherry is the author and/or illustrator of more than 30 award-winning books for children, including *A River Ran Wild*, and *The*

Armodillo from Amarillo. Her best-selling volume, *The Great Kapok Tree*, was named a Reading Rainbow review book and an American Bookseller's Pick of the Lists selection. In *Flute's Journey: the Life of a Wood Thrush*, she focused national media attention on conservation efforts to save the 60-acre Belt Woods in Maryland.

In her newest book, co-authored with photojournalist Gary Braasch and geared toward grades 4 through 9, climate scientist detectives uncover mysteries of the Earth's climate history through mud cores, ice cores, and tree rings. They study birds and butterflies to learn their responses to global warming. Citizen-scientist kids help collect data for the scientists, and young people reduce their carbon footprints and find their civic voice.

A graduate of Tyler School of Art and Yale University, Ms. Cherry has been artist-in-residence at the Smithsonian Institute, Princeton University, the Marine Biological Lab and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. She is an avid canoeist, hiker, snorkeler, and explorer.



GUTENBERG'S TRIUMPH: The Gutenberg Bible is among the rare books and musical manuscripts to be discussed when award-winning photographer Natasha D'Schommer introduces her new book, "Biblio," in the Princeton Public Library's Community Room on Friday, November 28.



ON LOCATION: Photographer Natasha D'Schommer focuses on Princeton resident William H. Scheide, a musicologist and third generation collector of rare books and manuscripts who will offer a limited number of hand-signed copies of "Biblio" November 28 when Ms. D'Schommer discusses how she captured images of the books and manuscripts in the Scheide Library, which is housed in the Firestone Library on the Princeton University campus. The program begins at 2:30 p.m. in the Princeton Public Library's Community Room with an informal discussion between Ms. D'Schommer and Mr. Scheide, followed by Ms. D'Schommer's remarks about the project.

ART REVIEW

Photographers and Celebrities: "It's Wonderful to be Famous as Long as You Remain Unknown"

James A. Michener Art Museum

But you're just a boy!" According to legend, that's what Marilyn Monroe said when she first laid eyes on photographer Milton Greene, who replied, the story goes, "And you're just a girl." While Greene went on to become the most prolific photographic interpreter of the movie star, siren, sex symbol called Marilyn, his spontaneous "just a girl" suggests that he saw through the 20th-Century Fox phenomenon to the essential humanity of Norma Jean. And it's the "girl" (or gamin) in Marilyn you see in the portrait by Greene that the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is featuring in "Saving Face: Portraits from the Collection of Robert Infarinato," which will be on view in the Fred Beans Gallery through March 15, 2009.

The "just a" exchange is worth keeping in mind when walking through an exhibit where most of the human subjects (and often the photographers themselves) are so famous that they compromise your perception of the work. It's not only the preconceived notions of celebrity that might render the photographer's art irrelevant; it's what you make of the individual behind the famous name. Where or when or how does celebrity submit to art? And does it matter? Or, to put it crudely, what would you rather put on your wall or pay money to see — a brilliant portrait of a nonentity or a lesser work with a celebrated subject? And how much aesthetic value can be placed on seeing famous people with their guard down, "as they are," or, as MTV would have it, "unplugged"?

Matisse: Two Views

With photographers such as Ansel Adams, Robert Capa, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Philippe Halsman, Edward Steichen, and Robert Frank, you'd think that the famous artist would trump the famous subject in "Saving Face," but more often than not, it's the other way around, or else it's a draw. Both images of Matisse, one by Cartier-Bresson from 1954, one by Capa taken in 1950, are structured and composed in a way that belies the exhibit's emphasis on "face." Capa's presents a side view of a heavy-set, white-bearded, sixtyish man in an open-collared white shirt, loose-fitting sweater vest, baggy pants, and sandals, a cigarette hanging from his lips. The floor of the smallish room, which has some painterly light coming through the shutters, is neatly carpeted with newspapers and the walls are blanketed with drafts of a work in progress, one large panel of which the artist seems to be sizing up with an extremely long pointer. If you disregard everything but the central figure and forget who and what he is (think "just a man"), you might be looking at a paunchy mathematics instructor pointing to an equation on a blackboard or a fisherman patiently fishing. Nice, but nothing special — except, of course, when you remind yourself that this version of "just a man" is Henri Matisse captured by the camera toward the end of his life working on a mural project for

the Chapelle des Dominicains in Vence.

Cartier-Bresson's photograph of Matisse, would have a special charm regardless of the identity of the man with the dove in his hand. In this case, the white-bearded painter is not standing at the center of the composition, but seated and not seated so much as submerged in a crowded field, an empty aviary above and behind his head, with another, rounder cage on which three doves are perched dominating the foreground. So striking is the effect, with the birds whitey looming, you might not notice at first that the man in the chair is sketching as he holds the dove. The light plays a more active role in this picture than it does in Capa's, catching and delineating the cross-

derful to be famous as long as you remain unknown." Insisting that he was "not an actor" and questioning the whole notion of "celebrity," Cartier-Bresson wanted to work undercover, a secret agent of art rather than a celebrity photographing a celebrity. Perhaps that explains why he disappeared into the painter's more private world.

In theory, the story behind a picture or a person should be no more significant or necessary to an appreciation of it than the backstory of a piece of music or a work of literature. Even so, with some exceptions, including Cartier-Bresson's "painting" of Matisse and his doves, Ansel Adams's *Got-tardo Piozzi in His Studio*, or Phillippe Halsman's extraordinary portrait of Georgia

color (along with Greene's Marilyn); Joyce Tenneson's limp pre-Raphaelite semi-nude beauty, Suzanne, and Jeanne Birdsall's gum bichromate of Allyn & Yrs old.

Picasso, Naturally

It's no surprise that "Saving Face" features three visions of Picasso, the most instantly recognizable artist celebrity of the century. Right away quibbles about fame go out the window. Here's the eternal show-stealer laying claim to our attention again, even when he's bringing up the rear, as in Robert Capa's famous picture of a beautiful, smiling Francoise Gilot, who becomes a supporting player to the sly, knobby-kneed old rogue holding the umbrella over her head as if it were the very banner of his art. With Picasso on the scene, the creative spirit is sun and shadow, it's everywhere, he's like King Midas: everything his presence touches turns to art. Does it really matter whose playful idea it was, Picasso's or the photographer Robert Doisneau's, to place a pair of finger rolls like two hands in front of the painter as he sits before an empty plate, his own hands hidden; the rolls add a touch of Dadaesque Picasso whimsy to the otherwise standard cafe table still life of plate, wine bottle, glasses, salt shaker, tablecloth. And what a look Picasso's shooting in the direction of (perhaps) some hapless waiter (the plate's empty, remember). Doisneau is a wonderful photographer, but here he's like a musician simply interpreting Picasso's music.

Marilyn

Still, when I came out of the Michener into the light of day I wasn't thinking about Picasso or Matisse, and it wasn't Lotte Lenya, Mother Teresa, or even Halsman's amazing portrait of Georgia O'Keefe, or the classic photos of Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington, and Sarah Vaughan, that haunted me and followed me home. It was "just a girl," Marilyn, in the photograph from Milton Greene's "Peasant Series." For all my carping about celebrity vs. anonymity and what is and isn't art, can it be that the pretty, simply dressed woman sitting on the curb on what looks to be a European street would stay in my mind if I didn't know Marilyn's story? Does it matter, knowing she had less than ten years to live or that the street was actually on the backlot at 20th-century Fox, the set for *What Price Glory*, or that the sweater, skirt, and sabots were part of the costume worn by Jennifer Jones in *The Song of Bernadette*, or that the "peasant" theme was meant to help Marilyn prove that she could move from the sex-symbol stereotype into more serious roles? No, it doesn't matter, at least not enough to explain the power and poignance of the picture. Subtract everything you know about Marilyn Monroe from this image and she would still get to you. Whether she's being filmed or photographed, the camera loves this woman, this girl.

—Stuart Mitchner



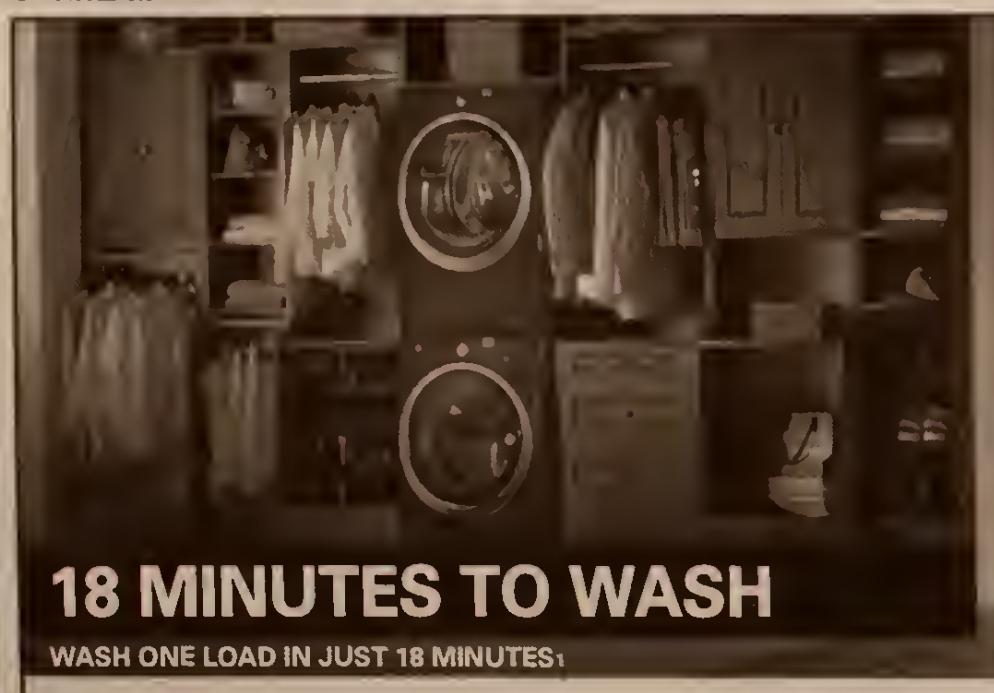
hatched design of the aviaries, enhancing the whiteness of the doves, and putting a gleam in the lenses of Matisse's spectacles. You begin to notice other patterns as well, in the striped fabric of Matisse's chair, in the drapery in the closet behind him. The photographer's instinct for what he termed "the decisive moment" resulted in one of the richest images in the exhibit, one where the photographer has come as close as is humanly or technically possible to painting with the camera. No wonder, then, that, much to the chagrin of his admirers, Cartier-Bresson gave up photography for painting some 30 years before his death, declaring in 1973, "All I care about these days is painting — photography has never been more than a way into painting, a sort of instant drawing."

When Cartier-Bresson died in 2004, the obituaries mentioned his fondness for a thought attributed to Degas: "it's won-

O'Keefe, the criteria for most of the works in this show, along with Mr. Infarinato's criteria as a collector, were the celebrity of the subject and common knowledge of their stories. To fully appreciate Elliott Erwitt's photo of Simone de Beauvoir, it helps to know something about her Paris life with Jean-Paul Sartre and the Café les Deux Magots element she seems to be inhabiting as she gives someone (Sartre maybe?) a sly sideways look. The same qualification pertains to Robert Frank's 1958 photo of Norman Mailer with a drink in his hand. The image has no particular redeeming aesthetic value beyond the stature of the photographer unless you know Mailer and his story, particularly around this, the *Advertisements for Myself* period. Nor can the portraits of Martha Graham, or JFK and Jackie circa 1955, compare, as works of photographic art, with the unknown subjects in "Saving Face," including two of the only works in

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Holiday Art Sale Begins At Paul Robeson Center

The Arts Council of Princeton's annual holiday show and sale, "Sauce for the Goose," featuring works of art and fine crafts by local artists, will run from December 6 through December 20, in the Taplin Gallery at the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, December 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The sale, which is open to the public, will include paintings, drawings, functional and decorative ceramics, glasswork, holiday ornaments, greeting cards, photography, jewelry, hats and scarves, and more. Members will receive 10 percent off the total of their purchases throughout the sale. Those interested in becoming a member of the Arts Council can purchase a membership and receive a 10 percent discount immediately.

"Sauce for the Goose not only makes it possible for Princeton residents to find hand-made arts and crafts objects, it also supports local artists by providing them a valuable outlet for their work," said Community Arts Manager and sale organizer Maria Evans.

Sauce for the Goose began ten years ago as an invitational sale featuring work by Arts Council ceramics students, lasting only a couple of days. Over the years it has grown, and now provides income for local artists during the holiday season.

Sale hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m.

"Santa Appears in Toast," a holiday installation consisting of over 300 pieces of toasted bread which create a pixelated image of Santa, will also be on display in the gallery. Arts Council instructor Debbie Reichard, who created the piece, observed that "most of my work includes a joke and some magic."

"Spirit of Princeton" Photographs Wanted

Photographer Edward Greenblat invites the public to contact him with candidates for his upcoming photography exhibition featuring portraits of volunteers and, when practicable, people whom they serve in the Princeton community. Sponsored by the Arts Council of Princeton and the Spirit of Princeton, the exhibition, which will be in the Princeton Public Library in early April, proposes to portray a diverse variety of community volunteers, for example: the first-lines-of public safety, educators, public servants, and those who provide comfort to the ill and needy. Ed Greenblat may be reached by phone at (609) 915-9995 and/or email at egreenblat@verizon.net. The title "The Spirit of Princeton" is borrowed from a patriotic organization whose volunteers provide Princeton with the Memorial Day and Fourth of July Parades as well as Veterans and Flag Day ceremonies.

The Spirit of Princeton is a charitable, non-partisan, community committee dedicated to bringing the community together in civic pride through the organization and sponsorship of community events.

A founding member of Gallery 14, a fine art photography gallery in Hopewell, and a founder of the Princeton Photography Club, Mr. Greenblat is a staff photographer for the Town Topics and has already celebrated the Fire Department with exhibitions that were put up at the library, Township Hall and Gallery 14.



YULETIDE FUN: "Santa Appears in Toast," by Arts Council Instructor Debbie Reichard, will be on view in the Taplin Gallery during the holiday season.



VASE: This piece by Ursula Kaplowitz is among the works by local artists on show and for sale at the Hopewell Train Station from December 5 through December 7 with an opening reception with the artists scheduled from 5 to 9 pm on December 5. Ms. Kaplowitz has been working as a professional potter and sculptor in Hopewell for 28 years. During 2007-08 she was Artist in Residence at the Hopewell Elementary School. Two large clay murals picturing the community of Hopewell are now permanently installed in the school and visitors are welcome to view them.

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In addition to a variety of Princeton-related merchandise and holiday gifts, the holiday shopping party will feature the work of local artist Sergio Bonotto, who will be available from 5 to 6:30 p.m. to discuss and sell his drawings and notecards of Princeton streetscapes and landmarks. Refreshments and art activities will be available.

Those attending the party or visiting the museum through Sunday, December 21, are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the Marine Toys for Tots Program. Toys will be distributed to children throughout central New Jersey.

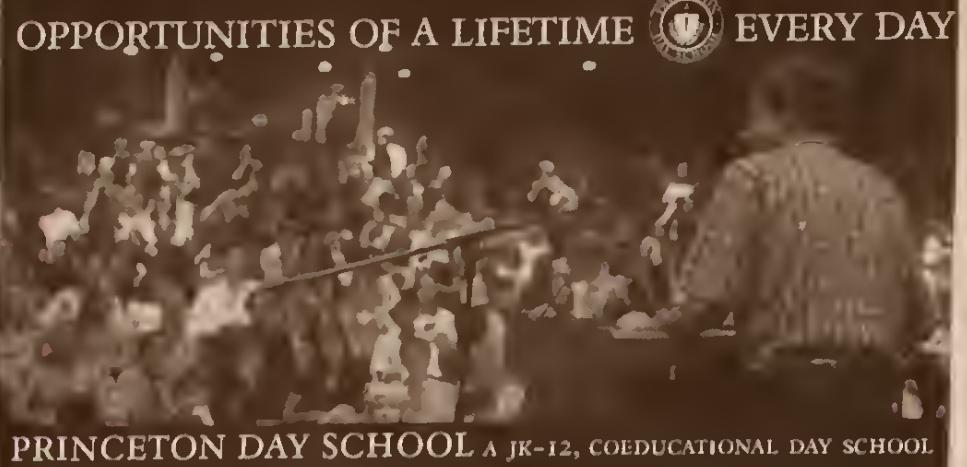
The Historical Society of Princeton, located in

Bainbridge House at 158 Nassau Street, is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Donations are accepted. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.



ON VIEW AT LONG LANE FARM: Pheobe Wiley's studio at Long Lane Farm is one of the stops on The Covered Bridge Artisans 14th annual Holiday Studio Tour this Thanksgiving weekend, November 28 to 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This year she made a number of majolica bowls, which can either be used everyday for cereal, pasta or vegetables, or be hung up on the mantel or the wall. The hand-made wood-fired kiln used by many of the CBA potters is also on the property.

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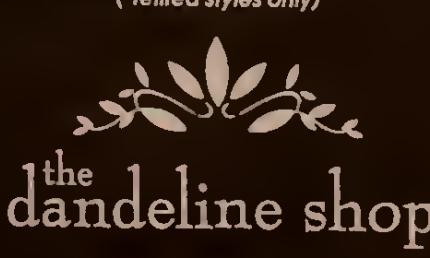
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"POCONO PACE": This work by Angelito David has been announced as the winner of the \$2000 Nummie Warga Memorial Award by the D&R Greenway Land Trust and the Garden State Watercolor Society (GSWS). Other prizewinners for D&R Greenway's current exhibition, "A Brush With Nature," which can be seen on business days until January 9 at The Johnson Education Center, include Jinnie May, Dolores Ziegler, Sheila Grodsky, Ed Baumlin, Donna Read, Charles McVicker, Frank Perry, Lisa Budd, Robert Sakson, Bernice Rappoport, Leonla Mroczkowski, James Toogood, Wayne Skyler, Carol Staub, Joanne Amantea, Joan McKinney and Vicki Bloye Gainsburg. There will be a weekend Gallery Walk with Mr. McVicker on Saturday, December 6, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Free and open to the public, please call (609) 924-4646 to reserve space. All paintings are done in watercolor or other water-based media on paper by NJ artists & members of the Garden State Watercolor Society. All art is for sale, 35 percent of the proceeds supporting D&R Greenway's land preservation and stewardship mission.

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The event is open to all Mercer County students from public, private and parochial middle and high schools as well as home-schooled students. Approximately 1,000 students participate along with 40 professional artists in performances, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops.

The focus of the festival is not on competition but on participation in performance seminars, critiquing seminars, master classes and workshops in every discipline — art, dance, drama, vocal music, instrumental music, film and creative writing.

Grounds for Sculpture Celebrates the Season

Grounds For Sculpture will feature songs of the holidays beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 29, with Nassau Brass, and ending with a special performance of the Madrigal Singers at 5 p.m. There will be sales on select holiday items in the Museum Shop and the awarding of prizes for the Gingerbread House Contest at 3:30 p.m. The official lighting of the Holiday Tree will be at 5 p.m. Earlier in the day, there will be a cookie decorating workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. (a \$5 materials fee is required). The event is free with park admission. For more information, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Goals of the program are to help students develop perceptual, intellectual and technical skills; gain cultural awareness and understanding; develop personal aesthetic values; learn self discipline, critical thinking and problem solving through analyzing, interpreting; and making judgments.

The County Teen Arts Festival Coordinator is a temporary position running from January to May 2009. The responsibilities of the coordinator include following a timeline and supporting a task list; coordinating information on all supporting forms, applications, and correspondence related to the festival; serving as the direct contact between participating schools and the Mercer County Culture and Heritage Office; developing press releases and marketing materials to promote the festival; coordinating workshops and seminars for artists; developing workshop, performance, and critique schedules; working with MCCC staff on all logistical details; and recruit-

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Area Exhibits

The Arts Council of Princeton is holding its annual holiday show and sale, "Sauce for the Goose," from December 6 through December 20, in the Taplin Gallery at the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts. The two-week sale of works of art and fine crafts by local artists will begin with an opening reception on Saturday, December 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

ARTWORKS on Stockton Street in Trenton is hosting its final exhibit of the year, "Old's Cool: An Assemblage of Assemblage Artists," curated by Glenn Moore, through December 27. An Assemblage Workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on December 8.

Brodsky Center Gallery, The Heldrich, 10 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, is presenting "Sacred Spaces," an exhibition of 80 photographs by Mary Cross, which will run through January 4. The subjects are wall paintings and mosaics found in ancient churches, monasteries, and mosques located in Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey.

The Coryell Gallery at 8 Coryell Street in Lambertville is presenting a special holiday exhibition of the work of Joanne S. Scott and George Van Hook through January 11, 2009.

The D&R Greenway Land Trust at One Preservation Place in Princeton is presenting "A Brush With Nature," an exhibition featuring works by 50 members

of the Garden State Watercolor Society, which will run through January 9, 2009 in D&R Greenway's Marie L. Matthews Gallery. The show is free and open to the public during business days, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Olivia Rainbow Gallery has extended until December 5 its "Species on the Edge" exhibition featuring prize-winning art by fifth graders of each New Jersey county. There will be a weekend Gallery Walk with Charles McVicker on Saturday, December 6, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Call (609) 924-4646 to reserve space.

Firestone Library on the Princeton University campus is presenting "The Greek Book From Papyrus to Printing" through Sunday, December 7, in the Main Gallery. "Sketching Their Characters: 150 Years of Political Cartoons From Andrew Jackson to George H.W. Bush," will be in the library's Milberg Gallery until Sunday, January 4.

The Gallery at Chapin is presenting "In the Now," work on canvas, glass, and found object by Fay Sciarra, from now through December 12. The gallery is open during school hours. For further information, call (609) 924-7206.

The Gallery at Mercer County Community College is presenting "A Light Without ... A Light Within," featuring work by Robert Beck, Joseph Gyurcsak, and Kyle Stevenson, from now through December 18.

Gallery 14 in Hopewell is presenting "Paranormal Perfumerie" featuring the work of Martha Weintraub from November 21 through December 21; in the Small

Gallery, the photography of Karen Johanesen.

Gouraud Gallery, located at Cranbury Town Hall, N. Main Street in Cranbury, is presenting "Animal Magnetism," which features the work of Princeton artist Jennifer Cadoff. It will be on view through November 30. The gallery is closed on November 27 and 28.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting "A Twist of Art" featuring William Smith, on view through December 31. Three exhibitions of contemporary sculpture are open to the public through April 26, 2009: "Inspired Visions," exhibiting the work of Allan Houser, "Visions of the Mind," displaying sculptures by Michael Naranjo, and the International Sculpture Center's 2008 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. New Additions Outdoors in the sculpture park include works by Carol Feuerman, Mike Gyampo, Gloria Vanderbilt, and Autin Dean Wright. For more information, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Gruss Center of Visual Arts at the Lawrenceville School is presenting "The Philly Father's Project," a collection of works by artist Daniel Heyman, on view from December 2 to 17. (The Center will be closed from November 22 to December 1).

The Historical Society of Princeton, located in Bainbridge House at 158 Nassau Street in Princeton, is presenting "Stand Up, Speak Out: Princeton's Citizens Find Their Voice," through July 5, 2009. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown is presenting "Saving Face: Portraits from the Collection of Robert Infante," from now through March 15, 2009. The exhibit features portraits of celebrities, including Marilyn Monroe, Matisse, and Picasso, by photographers such as Ansel Adams, Robert Capa, Henri Cartier-Bresson, and Man Ray. An exhibition of welded bronze sculptures by Philadelphia artist Barry Parker will be on display as part of the ongoing Outdoor Sculpture Program through March 1, 2009. The last show before the New Hope branch of the Michener permanently closes is "Claus Mroczynski: Sacred Places of the Southwest," which includes 49 black and white photographs of Native American ruins and Southwest landscapes. The exhibition is on view in the Della Penna Gallery through February 1, 2009.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "Dark Dreams: The Prints of Francisco Goya, A Selection from the Collection of the Arthur Ross Foundation," an exhibition of 100 prints demonstrating Goya's technical and creative achievements as a printmaker, through December 14. "Pop Art and After: Prints and Popular Culture" is on view through December 14. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting "Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital" through January 11, 2009. For more information, call Morven at (609) 924-

8144, ext. 106. Free parking is available.

The New Jersey State Museum at 205 West State Street in Trenton is celebrating the first phase of its re-opening with "Culture in Context: A Tapestry of Expression," featuring pieces from more than two dozen New Jersey artists.

The Present Day Club at 72 Stockton Street in Princeton will be presenting "Coastal Moods," an exhibit of acrylic and watercolor paintings by Kate Leigh Cutler (formerly Katie Bogle) from now through December 31. The Club is open weekdays except Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Princeton Day School's Anne Reid '72 Art Gallery is hosting "Nibbling the White Cube," in which nine artists challenge the limitations implicit in the concept of the "white cube" that typifies the modern art gallery. The exhibit will continue through December 12.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting "Strangers in a Strange Land: Chinese Art from the Imperial Palaces" through December 14. "Jasper Johns: Light Bulb," through January 4; "Frank Gehry: On Line," through January 4; and "Félix Candela: Engineer, Builder, Structural Artist," through February 22. "Body Memory," which features 20th- and 21st-century works of art that focus on the body as subject, medium, or expressive device, will run through January 4. For information about the museum's Art for Families program for children ages 5-9, call University Ticketing at (609) 258-9220.

Riverrun Gallery at the Laceworks, 287 South Main Street, Lambertville, will be presenting "Recent Paintings by Sven Widen and Lizzi Schippert" through January 5. Meet the artists, Saturday, November 29, 2 to 5 p.m.

Small World Coffee at 14 Witherspoon Street is presenting "Work Flow," an exhibit by mixed-media artist Dan Fernandez that will run through December 2.

The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion will be hosting an exhibit of works from New Jersey toymaker, J. Chein and Company through March 22.

The University Medical Center at Princeton is presenting an exhibit fea-

turing the watercolors of Karen Bannister and Alice Warshaw, which will run through January 14, 2009. This exhibit may be viewed daily in the University Medical Center Dining Room from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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MUSIC REVIEW**Princeton University Orchestra Opens Season With Heroic 19th, 20th Century Masterworks**

Princeton University presented one of its finest assets this past weekend — the 2008-09 University Orchestra — which has always been high quality, but now is surely a major recruiting vehicle. For the first concert of the new season on Friday night in Richardson Auditorium (the concert was repeated Saturday night), conductor Michael Pratt programmed two works of "heroic" nature, together with an intriguing new piece by a University composition student. The overriding theme of the evening seemed to be steadfastness in tough times, and Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* Suite and Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 conveyed this theme quite well in musical terms.

The rendition of Prokofiev's suite excerpts from *Romeo and Juliet* presented by the orchestra was theatrically different than versions familiar to most concert-goers. Princeton resident and University musicologist Simon Morrison has reconstructed a version of Prokofiev's ballet score previously lost to Russian politics and history. In 1936, Prokofiev debuted a *Romeo and Juliet* score which ended markedly different than Shakespeare's play — the lead characters live. According to Dr. Morrison's fascinating program notes accompanying Friday night's concert, this version was forced off the ballet stages, and a revamped (and more politically acceptable) score became the ballet staple in modern times.

Over the past two to three years, Dr. Morrison has revived the earlier score and it was excerpts from this that Michael Pratt conducted. No matter what the storyline, the music of Prokofiev requires precision of playing and attention to musical detail. In the familiar "Ponderous Dance of the Knights," the string sections maintained the intense angularity of the music, contrasted with solo flute and bass clarinet (played with refinement by Jessica Anastasio and Raaj Mehta, respectively). A pair of clarinets, sensitively played by Matt Goff and Jeff Hodes, enhanced the light character of "Juliet's Entrance with Her Nursemaid." The addition of a tenor saxophone to the orchestration (played by Alex Bourque) added an unusual touch to the sound, and the two harps added a percussive effect to the lush strings on "Romeo Begins to Dance with the Reviving Juliet."

Mr. Pratt introduced Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 to the audience by pointing out its heroic nature and Beethoven's

triumph over the monumental obstacles in his life, drawing parallels with today's times. Mr. Pratt pointed out that "music is about journeys," and the orchestra took a journey through this four-movement work that demonstrated the ensemble's depth of playing. Mr. Pratt kept the tempo moving in the first movement "Allegro," giving direction to the lines and bringing out the grandness of the work. This year's orchestra has an unusually large number of celli and double basses, giving a solid underpinning to the sound and richness to the opening theme. Oboist Justin Knutson provided elegant solo work in the second movement, and the orchestra maneuvered the shift back to the "Funeral March" well.

The four movements of this work are long, but the orchestra consistently maintained crispness, especially in the light bowings of the strings. Clean horn hunting calls marked the third movement Scherzo, and the orchestra closed the symphony with a well-played fugal fourth movement.

The Michael Early gathering wind which opened the concert as a world premiere was not as "heroic" as the Prokofiev and Beethoven works, but was appealing in its own right. gathering wind was a work of impressions, heavily influenced by the two harps and sets of percussion on either side of the stage (percussion sections which included blowing across the top of a bottle for effect). Mr. Early may well have been aiming for a surround-sound effect, as percussion sound traveled around the stage, and following a quiet beginning, the piece grew in intensity and orchestration as instruments were added. Mr. Pratt kept the shifting meters flowing smoothly, and some very nice effects were achieved, especially with the second violins, trombones, and muted trumpets creating a jazz palette.

Requiring intense concentration, this was a tough piece with which to start the program, but the players carried their parts well. The scoring included many lower instruments, and the lower brass especially were very full and rich, even on percussive notes and chords.

Through this concert, the University Music Department and Orchestra provided a welcome vehicle for one of its own students, as well as a welcome change from the cold for area concert-goers.

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University Concert To Spotlight Music Of Jazzman Metheny

The Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble and the University Pat Metheny Ensemble, directed by Anthony D.J. Branker, will spotlight the music of the award-winning composer, guitarist, and bandleader Pat Metheny when they present "So May It Secretly Begin: The Music of Pat Metheny" on Saturday, December 6 in Richardson Auditorium.

The 8 p.m. concert will feature selections from such acclaimed Metheny recordings as *Still Life* (*Tolking*), *Bright Size Life*, *Letter from Home*, *Secret Story*, *Question and Answer*, *American Garage*, and *Works*.

Tickets are \$15, or \$5 for students, available at the box office in Alexander Hall.

Mr. Metheny was born in Kansas City into a musical

family. Starting on trumpet at the age of 8, he switched to guitar at age 12. By the age of 15, he was working regularly with the best jazz musicians in Kansas City, receiving valuable experience at an unusually young age. He first burst onto the international jazz scene in 1974, when he began a three-year stint with vibraphone great Gary Burton. With the release of his first album, *Bright Size Life* in 1975, he reinvented the traditional "jazz guitar" sound for a new generation of players.

Over the years, Mr. Metheny has performed with Steve Reich, Ornette Coleman, Herbie Hancock, Jim Hall, Milton Nascimento, and David Bowie, among many others. In the process, he has won countless polls and awards, including three gold records for *Still Life* (*Tolking*), *Letter from Home*, and *Secret Story*.

He has also won 16 Grammy Awards in a variety of categories.

The award-winning Princeton University Concert Jazz Ensemble has dedicated itself to the performance of the historically significant music of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn, presenting such works as *The New Orleans Suite* and *The Far East Suite* with the Juilliard Jazz Orchestra, Ellington's extended orchestral composition *A Tone Parallel to Harlem* with the Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and the Princeton University Orchestra, *New World A Comin'* with the Princeton University Orchestra, *The Sacred Concert Music* of Duke Ellington with the Princeton University Chapel Choir, an all-Strayhorn program of big band music entitled *A Lush Life: The Music of Billy Strayhorn*, and the Ellington/Strayhorn collaborative adaptation of

Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*.

Prof. Branker is Senior Lecturer in Music and Conductor of University Jazz Ensembles at Princeton, where he also serves as Associate Director of the Program in Musical Performance. In 2005, he was named a U.S. Fulbright Scholar and visiting professor at the Estonian Academy of Music in Tallinn, Estonia. He has also served on the faculties of the Manhattan School of Music, Hunter College of the City University of New York, Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts, Ursinus College, and the New Jersey Summer Arts Institute. He has been honored by the United States Department of Education with a Presidential Scholars Teacher Recognition Award, the Institute for Arts and Humanities Education Distinguished Teaching Award, and the International Association of Jazz Educators Award.

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in West Windsor. She also serves as music director of the Northeastern American Arts Troupe, a summer program for cultural exchanges between the United States and China.

The pianist, Dr. Chiu-Ling Lin, is a resident of West Windsor and former United States Artistic Ambassador to Latin America. She has given her solo debut performance in Weill Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall, and performed with numerous orchestras in the U.S. and around the world, including the Atlanta Symphony, Chicago Civic Orchestra, Singapore Symphony, and Des Moines Symphony. Her virtuosity is showcased in a new CD, *Portraits of China*.

A committed educator, she is the president-elect of the New Jersey Music Teachers Association.

The program will also include a community chorus presenting excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*; Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kije Suite*; and the *Blue Danube Waltz* by Johannes Strauss.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. To order, call (732) 792-2070 or (609) 426-9181.

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"Cool Yule Jazz" to Open Holidays at Westminster

The Holidays at Westminster festival will open on Friday, December 5 at 8 p.m. with the sixth annual edition of the school's popular Cool Yule Jazz concert in Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College.

Clarinetist Jerry Rife, pianist Philip Orr, drummer Sean Dixon, and bassist Norman Edge will perform a "musical feast" of jazz arrangements of such holiday favorites as *Jolly Old St. Nicholas*; *Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and *I'll Be Home for Christmas*. Fans of Cool Yule Jazz performances from previous years will be pleased to hear the return of the band's popular arrangement of *Good King Wenceslas* – *Good King W.*

Mr. Rife is professor of music and chairman of the music area in the fine arts department at Rider University. Active as a performer of solo, recital, orchestral, and jazz music on the East Coast, he has served as concert master of the Virginia Grand Military Band; as leader of The Rhythm Kings, his traditional jazz band; and as a member of the John Johnson Trio and Blue Skies swing quartet. He has also conducted the Blawenburg Band since 1985, bringing that ensemble to prominence with concerts at Richardson Auditorium, the Sousa Centennial Ceremony in 1992, and the White House.

Mr. Orr, a composer, arranger, keyboardist, conductor, and teacher, has accompanied and worked as an arranger for singers Vic Damone and Sandler & Young, and performed in many solo and ensemble roles in the Princeton, New York, and Philadelphia metropolitan areas. He has been recognized with a fellowship by the New

Jersey State Council on the Arts for his compositions and arrangements in a variety of genres including classical concert repertoire, sacred music, jazz, pop, gospel, and rock.

Mr. Dixon was raised in a musical family in Milwaukee. While attending the Milwaukee High School of the Arts, he was recognized by Downbeat Magazine as one of the nation's outstanding soloists in the magazine's annual competition. After brief stints at the Manhattan School of Music and The New School, he led his own band, The Chesterfields, for seven years while playing with local jazz, blues, pop, and R&B artists. He was the resident percussion teacher at The Lawrenceville School and The Pennington School from 2003 to 2005. Since then he has split his time between U.S. tours with The Jazz Mandolin Project and teaching privately in New York City.

Mr. Edge's far-ranging career has taken him from his roots as son and grandson of string musicians to studies and collaborations with some of the world's most renowned musicians, including Hank Jones, Clark Terry, Gene Ammons, and the Manhattan Brass Choir. For the last 50 years he has been a member of the Morris Nanton Trio, recording four albums with that organization. From 1983 to 2000 he taught strings and conducted middle and high school orchestras in the Edison, N.J. school system. He is the former principal bassist with the Jersey City State Orchestra, and currently performs with the Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey and the Livingston Orchestra.

Admission will be \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students. To purchase tickets call the box office

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Free Concert Scheduled Of Edward Cone's Music

A free concert of music by Edward T. Cone, long associated with Princeton University and its music department, will be presented at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 5 in Fine Hall's Taplin Auditorium. Reservations are not needed for the performance.

Titled "Cryptic Brilliance," the concert will cover 55 years of Prof. Cone's work. The first half of the concert will include *Two Women*, written in 1987, a short song cycle for soprano and piano on texts by Christina Rossetti and Emily Brontë, the *Second String Quartet* from 1949, and *Sphinxes: 25 Aphorisms for Piano*, written in 1974. The second half will draw from Prof. Cone's late work and will include the first performance of his last choral work, *Songs of Innocence and Experience*, on texts by William Blake, the first performance of the final revision of the *Sonata for Violoncello Solo*, and his last work, *Three Songs from Pippa Passes*, a song cycle for soprano and piano on texts by Robert Browning.

Performers will include the singers Martha Elliot and Mimmi Fulmer, pianist Mar-

garet Kampmeier, violinists Sunghae Anna Lim and Lisa Shihotan, violist Burchard Tang, cellist Thomas Kraines, and the Princeton University Chamber Choir conducted by Richard Tang Ynk. Jeffrey Farrington, a New England Conservatory and Princeton University alumnus, has coordinated the project.

Prof. Cone, a member of Princeton's Class of 1939, was the first to submit a musical composition as his senior thesis and one of Princeton's first three recipients of a Master of Fine Arts degree in music. He joined the Princeton faculty in 1946, teaching music theory, history, and composition. With the exception of two years of graduate work at Columbia University, service in the Office of Strategic Services in World War II, and visiting professorships at U.C. Berkeley and Cornell, he spent his entire professional life at Princeton. He was the author of three influential books about Western music, *Musical Form and Performance*, *The Composer's Voice*, and *Music: A View from Delft*. A further collection of unpublished lectures and essays will be published by Princeton University Press this coming year.

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David Orthmann of Allaboutjazz.com has described Mr. DeVos' guitar style as "radiating keen intelligence and impeccable taste. He plays expressive, melodically oriented solos and incisive accompaniment, beckoning both the aficionado and casual listener."

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Tickets for the concerts in the series are \$12 for the public or \$10 for Arts Council members, students, and seniors. To order, call (609) 924-8777.

For more information, visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org. The Paul Robeson Center for the Arts is located at 102 Witherspoon Street. Parking is available in both the Spring and Hulfish Street Garages.

Folk Music Society Plans Concert With Don White

Singer-songwriter Don White will present an evening of his music and stories at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, December 12 at Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane. His performance is part of the concert series sponsored by the Princeton Folk Music Society.

Mr. White brings comedy and pathos to his songwriting. In 1974 he started hitchhiking around America. "I went to Alaska and Newfoundland," he said. "That first trip I was gone eleven months and spent only \$1,100." He then backpacked around the country for three years with a guitar and a dog, finding occasional work as an itinerant farm hand or laborer. "The freedom was addictive," he added.

Since settling down in Lynn, Massachusetts, Mr. White has worked on the craft of songwriting while performing for two and a

half years at the Catch A Rising Star comedy club. He has issued eight albums, plus a compilation album with other performers. His composition *I Know Exactly What Love Is* has become a classic that is often performed at weddings.

Admission will be \$15 for the public, \$10 for members of the Folk Music Society and affiliated organizations, and \$3 for children 11 and under. There are no advance sales.

For more information about Folk Music Society events, call (609) 799-0944 or visit <http://princetonfolk.org>.



J.A. Kawarsky

Voices Chorale Schedules Three December Concerts

The 65 auditioned singers of Pennington's Voices Chorale, under the direction of Dr. J. A. Kawarsky, will pres-

ent a holiday concert, *Nowell! Nowell!* three times in December.

The concerts will be offered on Friday, December 19 at 8 p.m. at Pennington Presbyterian Church, 13 South Main Street, Pennington; on Saturday, December 20 at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau Street, Princeton; and on Sunday, December 21 at 3 p.m. at Anchor Presbyterian Church, 980 Durham Road, Wrightstown, Pa.

The Pennington and Princeton concerts will each include a silent auction.

The first part of the program will feature Randall Thompson's *Nowell, Nowell*, Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Corols* with harpist Daria Cortese, Wondrous Love, and John Rutter's *Tomorrow Shall Be My Dencing Day*. The second part will include *Goudete* from the *Piae Contiones* of 16th century Finland, *Who Is She Thot Trovels, Count Your Blessings*, Mr. Kawarsky's arrangement of *I Hear Bells*, and seasonal favorites.

Soprano Rochelle Ellis will be the featured soloist, Ryan Brechmacher the accompanist.

Tickets at the door will be \$18 for general admission, \$10 for children 12 and under, and \$45 for families. Advance sales are \$3 off each ticket. A 25 percent discount is also offered to New Jersey Arts Pass holders. Tickets may be bought online at www.voiceschorale.org or by calling (609) 637-9383.



SINGING WELL, DOING GOOD: The good news: More than 600 people attended Trenton's Trinity Cathedral for this November 16 benefit concert for the Trinity Food Pantry and the United Nations World Food Program, performed by 120 local children from the Semi-Tones and Grace Notes of The Princeton Girlchoir and the Resident Choir of The American Boychoir School. The better news: the concert raised 850 pounds of food for the Food Pantry and \$1,418 for the World Food Program, which will provide more than 5,600 meals for school age children in poverty stricken areas around the world. The title of the concert, fittingly, was "Children Making a Difference."

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Season of Four Musicales Set by Steinway Society

The Steinway Society has announced its 19th season of Sunday afternoon musicales.

Four concerts will be offered in 2009: the Barton & Lehrer Duo on January 18, the piano and flute duo of Schneiderman and Lane on February 8, the jazz pianist Philip Orr on March 8, and Paul Zeigler on June 7.

The recitals and receptions to meet the artists are held Sundays at 3 p.m. in the Recital Hall of Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

Founded in 1989, the Society is dedicated to developing the talent of young piano students. The musicales, presented by prominent musicians, support the organization's annual scholarship program.

The Barton & Lehrer Duo, featuring pianists Ena Bronstein-Barton and Phyllis Lehrer, has been performing regularly throughout the

United States since 1984 in recitals and master classes at summer music festivals, national conferences, universities, and community music schools. Their program will include works by Mendelssohn and his circle.

Pianist Noriko Schneiderman, a senior faculty member at the New School who has performed in Austria, France, Japan, and the U.S., will be joined by flutist John Lane, a faculty member at the Lawrenceville School and Westminster Conservatory who has performed with the Houston Grand Opera Orchestra and with orchestras in Brazil and Mexico. Their program will include *Duo for Flute and Piano* by Aaron Copland.

Mr. Orr, a keyboardist, composer, arranger, conductor, and educator, will present a program titled "The First Century of Jazz at the Piano." A member of the faculty at Rider University, Westminster Choir College, and The Lawrenceville School, he also serves as Minister of Music at Calvary Baptist Church in Hopewell. With his Rider colleague Jerry Rife he can be heard on the 2006 CD release, *Cool Yule to You*, a recording based on the duo's annual *Cool Yule Jozz* concerts at Westminster Choir College.

Mr. Zeigler's career as a pianist, composer, and teacher has taken him throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. His works have been featured on radio and television and in major concert halls. Critics have hailed his playing as "thrilling, technically perfect, emotionally exciting, and mind-expanding."

In addition to the four musicales, the Steinway Society will hold scholarship auditions, open to the public, on Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a scholarship recital on May 3 at 3 p.m.

Admission to each musical will be \$18 for nonmembers or \$10 for full-time student nonmembers. For directions, please visit www.jacobsmusic.com/trenton.htm.

Women's Chorus to Mark Worldwide Day of Song

The Kingston Women's Chorus will host its fourth annual Community Carol Sing-Along as it celebrates the International Day of Choral Singing on December 14 at 7 p.m. at the Kingston United Methodist Church.

The International Day of Choral Singing is a worldwide effort that joins thousands together through music.

The evening will include a holiday sing-along in which audience members will be invited to participate, and a new musical composition written for the chorus by Kent Watanabe of West Windsor.

Heather Robbins, KWC's choral director and founder, noted that on December 14 the IDCS Proclamation extolling the values of unity and world peace through music will be read aloud at every choral concert that commemorates the principles. But this year she asked Mr. Watanabe to put the Proclamation's text to music.

"It's exciting for such an interesting composition to debut at our concert," said Ms. Robbins, explaining that the composer will be present to hear his work sung for the first time. Mr. Watanabe is a music student at Mercer County Community College.

The piano accompanist throughout the evening will be Dotty Westgate, founder of the local singing group the Tritones.

Donations will be accepted at the door and refreshments will be available. For directions, visit www.gbgm-umc.org/kingston-nj or call (609) 921-6812.

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odist Church is located at 9 Church Street, Kingston.

Mannheim Steamroller To Visit State Theatre

New Brunswick's State Theatre will present *The Christmas Music of Mannheim Steamroller* by Chip Davis on Friday, December 12 at 8 p.m. The concert will be part of a 38-city tour produced by Mr. Davis' Sound Trak, Inc. The show will feature the band's unmistakable sound in an extravagant multimedia show.

Tickets range from \$45 to \$75.

"The band will play songs from our new CD, but they'll also take plenty of time to showcase many favorites from our previous Christmas albums," said Mr. Davis, Mannheim founder and composer. "The music, along with our multimedia production, is meant to make this an experience for the whole family."

Known for its arrangements of "Silent Night," "Deck the Halls," and "Angels We Have Heard On High," the latest Mannheim holiday albums, *Christmas Story* and *Christmosville*, mark Mannheim Steamroller's eighth and ninth Christmas titles. Total album sales for the Christmas series have exceeded 35 million copies worldwide, solidifying the band's place in music history as the largest selling Christmas artist of all time.

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STEINWAY RECITALISTS: Pianist Noriko Schneiderman, left, a senior faculty member at the New School, and flutist John Lane, a member of the Lawrenceville School and Westminster Conservatory faculties, will perform on February 8 at 3 p.m. at Jacobs Music, Lawrenceville. Their program will be one of four Steinway Society musicales in the new year.

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HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS: Starring in the Clement Moore classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas" are, clockwise from bottom left, John Costello as Kris Kringle, Madison Glassman as Margaret Moore, Diane Wargo as Eliza Moore, and Caroline Maurer as Charity Moore. The holiday show will be given six performances December 5 through December 7 at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre. For tickets, call (609) 570-3333.

"Night Before Christmas" Coming to Kelsey Theatre

In anticipation of the annual visit by old St. Nick, the Kelsey Players will present Clement Moore's classic "Twas the Night Before Christmas at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre December 5 through December 7.

Performances will take place Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, December 6 at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.; and Sunday, December 7 at 2 and 4 p.m.

In the spirit of the holiday season, Kelsey Theatre is participating in the Toys for Tots drive, accepting unwrapped, new toys in the theatre's lobby through December 15.

The cast will feature Ken Ambs of Newtown, Pa. as Clement Moore, Diane Wargo of Ewing as Eliza Moore, Madison Glassman of Burlington as Margaret Moore/Sugar Plum, Caroline Maurer of Robbinsville as Charity Moore/Sugar Plum, and John Costello of Hamilton Square as Mr. Kringle. It will also include John Burke, William

Burke, and Sarah Gorski of Lawrenceville, Marissa Marciano and Mary Rose Brendel of Cranbury, Emily DeLia of East Windsor, Devon Fitzgerald and Jamie L. O'Leary of Skillman, Devon Hittleman and Pierce Hittleman of Ewing, Kristin Klanka of Trenton, and Stephen Szemls of West Windsor.

The production will be directed by Diane Wargo.

Tickets are \$8 for children, students, and seniors, and \$10 for adults. To order, visit www.kelseytheatre.net or call the Kelsey box office at (609) 570-3333.

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CINEMA REVIEW

A Christmas Tale

Holiday Film Has Family Convening for Eventful Reunion

Don't be fooled by director Arnaud Desplechin's deceptively benign title; this movie doesn't spin a heartwarming yarn in the manner of such seasonal classics as *It's a Wonderful Life* or *A Christmas Story*. No miracles lay in wait for any unfortunate orphans in this sober story set in France.

If Jerry Springer ever decided to shoot his TV show in Paris, the protagonists of this picture, the Vuillards, would make excellent guests. This dysfunctional family has more compelling drama than you can shake a French baguette at.

As the movie begins, we find the clan convening at the family home prior to the Christmas holidays for a reunion that is guaranteed to stir up trouble.

The head of the family is matriarch Junon (Catherine Deneuve), a cancer patient suffering from the same strain of leukemia that took the life of one of her sons when the boy was only seven-years-old. Now, she and her husband, Abel (Jean-Paul Roussillon),

have three adult children, Henri (Mathieu Amalric), Elizabeth (Ann Consigny), and Ivan (Melvil Poupaert). Each of them arrives burdened with emotional baggage and unresolved sibling rivalries.

For example, playwright Elizabeth has little patience for her ne'er-do-well brother Henri, because she once had to bail him out of a bad investment for which their father had cosigned. The two haven't spoken to each other since, so this occasion offers an opportunity for long simmering fireworks to explode. Ivan, on the other hand, has issues with Simon (Laurent Capulet), an orphaned cousin raised under the same roof.

We learn that Simon has been harboring a secret crush on Ivan's wife Sylvia (Chlara Mastroianni) since they were teenagers, so what better place to reveal his feelings for her than at the Christmas reunion.

The above conflicts are just the tip of the iceberg, because Junon is urgently in need of a bone marrow transplant. Thus, the burning question which permeates the family reunion is whether any of her relatives can provide a suitable match for her potentially life saving transplant.

Despite the grim overarching theme, *A Christmas Tale*'s absorbing array of richly developed characters embroiled in incestuous relationships easily outweighs the unpleasant tone of this potentially depressing story. All that's missing is Jerry Springer refereeing the play-by-play.

Excellent (★★★½ stars). Unrated. In French with subtitles. Running time: 152 minutes Studio: IFC Films.

—Kam Williams



I'VE GOT THIS SECRET THAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU!: Simon (Laurent Capuletto, left) is about to reveal to his cousin's wife Sylvia (Chlara Mastroianni) that he has been carrying a torch for her ever since they were teenagers.

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Bolt (PG for mild action and scenes of peril). Disney animated adventure about a German Shepherd TV star (John Travolta) who discovers he doesn't really have any superpowers after being accidentally shipped from Hollywood to New York City when he has to embark on a humbling cross-country trek home with the help of a cat (Susie Essman) and a hamster (Mark Walton). Voice cast includes Miley Cyrus, James Lipton, Malcolm McDowell, and wrestler Randy Savage.

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG-13 for mature themes). Holocaust drama about the 8-year-old son (Asa Butterfield) of a concentration camp commander (David Thewlis) whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy (Jack Scanlon) interned on the other side of the fence leads to devastating consequences.

Changeling (R for profanity, violence, and disturbing content). Clint Eastwood directs this psychological thriller, set in Los Angeles, inspired by events arising in 1928 during a real life case involving a single mother (Angelina Jolie) whose hopes for the safe return of her kidnapped nine-year-old (Gattlin Griffith) were seemingly answered but then dashed when she realized that the boy brought to her was not her son. Cast includes John Malkovich, Amy Ryan, and Morgan Eastwood.

A Christmas Tale (Unrated). Dysfunctional family drama about an aging mathematician (Jean-Paul Roussillon) married to a melancholy playwright (Catherine Deneuve) whose reunion over the Christmas holidays with their three adult children, in-laws and grandkids proves to be fraught with feuding, infidelity and overindulgence in holiday spirits. (In French with subtitles)

Four Christmases (PG-13 for profanity and sexual humor). Dysfunctional family comedy, set in San Francisco, about an unhappily-married couple (Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon) forced to spend the holidays with several sets of relatives after their plans for an exotic getaway are ruined when the fog rolls in. Ensemble cast includes Robert Duvall, Mary Steenburgen, Dwight Yoakam, Tim McGraw, Jon Voight, Sissy Spacek, Jon Favreau, and Kristin Chenoweth.

Happy-Go-Lucky (R for profanity). Romance drama about a Pollyannaish school teacher (Sally Hawkins) who finds her cheery optimism tested when she starts taking driving lessons from a cynical instructor (Eddie Marsan) who has anger management issues.

High School Musical 3: Senior Year (G). Disney song and dance extravaganza revolves around a couple of high school sweethearts (Zac Efron and Vanessa Anne Hudgens) and their friends as they face the prospect of graduating and going their separate ways. With Ashley Tisdale, Corbin Bleu, and Monique Coleman.

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG for mild crude humor). Animated adventure finds the colorful menagerie of domesticated New York zoo animals again struggling to survive in the wilds of the African jungle. Voice cast includes Cedric the Entertainer, Sacha Baron Cohen, Jada Pinkett Smith, Chris Rock, David Schwimmer, Ben Stiller, Will I Am, Tommy 'Tiny' Lister, and the late Bernie Mac.

Quantum of Silence (PG-13 for sexuality, violence, and intense action sequences). Daniel Craig returns for his second go-round as James Bond for a mission which pits 007 against a diabolical villain (Mathieu Amalric) bent on controlling one of the world's most critical natural resources. Cast includes Dame Judi Dench, Jesper Christensen, Jeffrey Wright, Olga Kurylenko, and Gemma Arterton.

Rachel Getting Married (R for profanity and brief sexuality). Anne Hathaway stars in this dysfunctional family drama about a substance abuser who checks out of rehab for the weekend to attend her sister's (Rosemarie DeWitt) very eventful wedding. With Debra Winger, Bill Irwin, and Anna Deavere Smith.

Rale Models (R for nudity, profanity, sexuality, and crude humor). Sean William Scott and Paul Rudd co-star in this shock comedy as slackers sentenced to 150 hours of community service as mentors to a couple of impressionable youngsters (Christopher 'McLovin' Mintz-Plasse and Bobbie J. Thompson).

Saw V (R for nudity, profanity, torture, and graphic violence). Latest installment of the slasher series finds a forensics expert (Costas Mandylor) hunting for humans during a deadly rampage aimed at protecting the secret that he has been tapped to carry on the grisly legacy of the infamous Jigsaw (Tobin Bell). With Meagan Good, Julie Benz, and Betsey Russell.

The Secret Life of Bees (PG-13 for violence and mature themes). Dakota Fanning stars in this Southern saga, set in the sixties at the height of the Civil Rights Movement, about a motherless teen who runs away with her surrogate mom (Jennifer Hudson) from her abusive father (Paul Bettany) to a tiny South Carolina town where they are taken in by an eccentric trio of beekeeping sisters (Queen Latifah, Sophie Okonedo, and Alicia Keys).

Slumdog Millionaire (R for violence, profanity, and disturbing images). Romantic comedy, set in Mumbai, about an 18 year-old street urchin (Dev Patel) who becomes a TV contestant on India's version of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire not for the money but to win back the heart of the girl (Freida Pinto) of his dreams. In English and Hindi with subtitles.

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Synecdoche, New York (R for profanity, sexuality, and nudity). Philip Seymour Hoffman stars in this drama about an unhappily married theater director's struggle to balance women and work while recreating a replica of New York City in a warehouse as a set for his latest play. Cast includes Catherine Keener, Samantha Morton, Hope Davis, Emily Watson, Dianne Wiest, and Michelle Williams.

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Junior RB Culbreath Races Into History As PU Football Tops Dartmouth in Finale

Barking music and periodic whoops of joy bounced off the walls of the Princeton University football team's locker room as last Saturday afternoon turned to evening.

While the Tiger players reveled in the euphoria following their 28-10 season-ending win over Dartmouth before a crowd of 7,113 at Princeton Stadium, the man most responsible for the win quietly put things in perspective across the hall at the post-game media conference.

Junior running back Jordan Culbreath, who ended the day with 276 yards rushing, the second best single-game total in Princeton history (behind the 299 yards gained by Keith Elias against Lafayette in 1992), came into the freezing, windy afternoon confident that things were going to end on a high note.

"Before the game, I felt it was going to be a good day because my knee felt better from the Penn game," said Culbreath, whose heroics helped Princeton finish at 4-6 overall and 3-4 in Ivy League play, good for fifth place in the league standings.

"The line did a great job today; I felt the holes were there. I wasn't getting touched on the long runs."

Culbreath's historic effort helped him finish as the Ivy League's leading rusher with

1,206 yards. His output this fall was the fourth-highest single-season total in Tiger history.

Coming into the 2008 campaign, the humble junior didn't see himself as a potential record-breaker.

"Before the season, I didn't have any expectations," said Culbreath, a 5'11, 195-pound native of Falls Church, Va. who gained a total of 253 yards in his sophomore season.

"As it went on, it was a goal I was trying to achieve. The team goals were on the top of my list. To reach that mark, it feels good."

It felt good for Princeton head coach Roger Hughes to watch his junior star make history.

"I don't think there are enough superlatives in the dictionary," said Hughes, when asked to comment on Culbreath's performance.

"He has great vision; you notice with Jordan that any time he runs the ball, he finishes the run. He reminds me of Walter Payton from the standpoint that he is always falling forward; he puts the ball ahead. The other unique thing about Jordan is that he has one of the strongest work ethics on this team."

Hughes was gratified to see his hard-working group of seniors end their careers with a resounding victory which saw Princeton outgain Dartmouth 423 yards to 186.

"I felt like for the first time, we physically dominated someone," asserted Hughes, whose team's win dropped Dartmouth to 0-10 on the season, the program's first winless campaign since 1883.

"I thought our kids played with great intensity and focus for a full 60 minutes and that's something we have been trying to do all year long. I was very proud of our seniors and how they led this team to make sure the effort was there for the full time to finish this thing right. I thanked the seniors in our

locker room for starting our next winning streak. This is the first winning streak of the 2009 season."

Tiger senior defensive line man Peter Buchignani was happy to have a hand in starting that streak.

"It is always great to go out with a win," said Buchignani. "In my four years I have seen the good and the bad from an Ivy championship [in 2006] to losing games to Harvard and Yale. To go out like this in a game where, as Coach Hughes mentioned, that we really played at our best for a full 60 minutes, was an incredible feeling. Our senior group wants to see these guys succeed next year so this is a good boost for them going into offseason."

In the Dartmouth game, the Tigers got an early boost from Culbreath as he raced for a 58-yard touchdown run on his first carry as Princeton jumped to a 7-0 lead just 1:54 into the game.

Princeton doubled its lead early in the second quarter as it cashed in on an interception by freshman Blake Clemons. The Tigers took over at the Dartmouth 20 and four plays later senior quarterback Brian Anderson ran two yards for a touchdown as Princeton increased its advantage to 14-0.

Dartmouth narrowed the gap just before halftime, scoring on a 22-yard field goal by Blake Foley to make the score 14-3.

Wasting no time reasserting its dominance after the break, Princeton took the opening kickoff of the second half and proceeded to march down the field. Anderson capped the 67-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown pass to senior tight end Bill Mitchell as Princeton went up 21-3.

That lead was short-lived as Dartmouth's Peter Pidermann returned the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a score to make it 21-10.

Culbreath, though, helped Princeton regain the momentum. The tailback rambled 52 yards to put Princeton at the Dartmouth five. Two plays later, he burst into the end zone as Princeton built its lead back up to 28-10 with 8:04 left in the third quarter.

Neither team scored the rest of the day as



HISTORIC PACE: Princeton University junior running back Jordan Culbreath races through the Dartmouth defense last Saturday in Princeton's 28-10 win over the Big Green. Culbreath made history in the victory, running for 276 yards on 40 carries, the second-highest single game rushing total for Princeton behind the 299 yards gained by Keith Elias against Lafayette in 1992. Culbreath finished the season as the Ivy League's leading rusher with 1,206 yards. His output this fall was the fourth-highest single-season total in Tiger history.

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the game ended at 28-10, sparking an extended post-game celebration on field with the Princeton seniors posing for photo after photo.

Hughes, for his part, wanted more time with his seniors. "I am really saddened to see this season end," said Hughes, who has a 43-46 record in his nine years heading the Tigers.

"I'd like to start the season all over with these guys right here. The work ethic and the character of the team that we have right now is really special. I am going to miss these seniors, I'm going to miss this team a lot."

Culbreath was already looking forward to his senior season. "I think this is a great win for the team; we needed a huge boost of morale," said Culbreath, who was later named as a unanimous First-Team All-Ivy selection.

"We are all pretty excited. I am pretty sure it is going to carry on to next season."

And with Culbreath carrying the ball for Princeton, next season could be pretty special.

—Bill Alden



FULL CIRCLE: Princeton University senior quarterback Brian Anderson lofts a pass in Princeton's 28-10 victory over Dartmouth last Saturday. Anderson, who got his first career start in a win over Dartmouth last fall, hit on 10-of-18 passes for 80 yards in the win which left Princeton at 4-6 overall and 3-4 in the Ivy League, good for fifth place in the league standings.

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PU Women's Runners Gain Redemption, Finishing Fifth at NCAA Championships

Last fall, the Princeton University women's cross country team flew into the NCAA championship meet ranked fourth nationally.

The Tigers, though, left the course at Terre Haute, Ind. with their heads down after struggling to a disappointing 14th place finish.

Princeton head coach Peter Farrell sat his runners down for a heart-to-heart chat in the wake of the rough outing.

"Last year after the race we gathered in our tent," recalled Farrell, who is in his 31st year at Princeton and is

the only head women's track and field and cross country coach since the programs went from club sport to varsity status in 1978.

"Their tails were between their legs, they were embarrassed. We sat in a circle and they talked about how they were going to do better this year."

This past Monday, the Tigers arrived at Terre Haute for the 2008 NCAA meet boasting the same No. 4 ranking.

As his runners readied themselves for the race, Farrell reconvened last

year's post-race chat.

"Before the race, I took them to the same tent and told them to sit in a circle and continue that conversation," said Farrell.

Later in the day, the Tigers came full circle from last year's debacle, living up to their ranking this time as they powered to a fifth place finish in the team standings.

It was the program's best-ever finish in the meet, bettering the ninth-place finish posted in 2003.

Junior star Liz Costello, who passed out during part of last year's race, placed 11th individually to set the pace for Princeton. Costello covered the 6,000-meter course in a time of 20:24.

Senior Megan Brandeland was next for Princeton, finishing 42nd in a time of 20:51 with freshman Alex Banisch coming in 49th, senior Jolee VanLeuven placing 57th, and junior Reilly Kiernan taking 61st.

In Farrell's view, Costello set the tone for Princeton's big day. "If you take Costello, she is indicative of how we were going to do," said Farrell of the Strafford, Pa. native and two-time Ivy League Heptagonal winner who was 209th at the NCAA meet last year.

"Liz had something to prove after last year; she had been pointing to this meet since last June."

Another key in Princeton's strong effort was the performance of senior leaders Brandeland and VanLeuven.

"The two seniors stepped up," said Farrell. "It is a long season with a lot of up and downs, you need leadership. They had been talking about this meet for a while. Megan kept saying I can't wait until Terre Haute. Some runners get intimidated by it but they were ready."

The Tigers were ready to employ a tortoise and hare approach at the meet. "They followed the race plan to a tee," explained Farrell, whose team had won the Heps meet this fall in record-breaking fashion and had triumphed again in the Pre-Nationals and the Mid-Atlantic Regional meets.

"We told them to be conservative and not go out too hard. Everyone thinks that because it is national championship, you have to run the race of your life. It's a tough 6,000 meter course and it was cold, I told them to run like they did in the regional. They were 10th at the halfway point; Liz was 25th at the first mile, up to 5th by the second."

Farrell isn't conservative when he reflects on what his team accomplished this fall.

"This is the best team I have had," said Farrell flatly. "We had depth. As the Heps showed we were nine deep and we got lowest Hep score ever. We won the regional title again. I checked the records from the previous Heps to see how we stack up against other great teams. Yale and Cornell had some great teams and placed in the top four at the nationals but we had the best times."

And last Monday, the Tigers had the time of their lives as they proved they could excel on the national stage.

—Bitt Alden

PU Men's Hoops Ambushes Army; Rides Strong Finish to First Victory

It looked like the Princeton University men's basketball team was poised to break through for its first win of the season as it hosted Maine last Wednesday night.

Tiger junior Zach Finley drained two free throws to give Princeton a 50-44 lead with 3:57 left in the second half.

But the young Tiger squad, playing with mainly sophomores and freshmen, squandered its advantage as the Black Bears went on a 7-1 run to force overtime.

In the extra session, Maine outscored Princeton 7-4 to pull out a 58-55 win before a crowd of 1,555 at Jadwin Gym.

Afterward, a glum Princeton head coach Sydney Johnson acknowledged that the setback was a harsh learning experience.

"I don't think we had a good understanding that we were controlling the game and that we needed to do a few key things here or there that would have helped us out," said Johnson, whose team committed 19 turnovers in the loss.

"It is painful to have to learn this way but I hope that we can learn sooner rather than later. It's just attention to detail."

Last Sunday, the Tigers showed that they learned something from the loss to Maine as they used a strong second half to pull out a 55-43 win at Army to improve to 1-2 on the season.

This time, it was Princeton who finished strongly, wiping out a 26-25 half-time deficit by outscoring the Black Knights 30-17 over the final 20 minutes of the contest.

The Tigers started the second half with a 17-4 run and never looked back as they broke a 24-game losing streak away from Jadwin Gym, earning their first road win since a 57-46 victory at Iona on December 30, 2006.

Freshman guard Dong Davis led the way once again for Princeton, scoring a game-high 19 points on 8-of-11 shooting. The former Hun School star is averaging 19.3 points a game, the only Tiger scoring in double figures so far this season.

In the win over Army, Princeton got a nice all-around effort from sophomore forward Kareem Maddox, who had nine points, five rebounds, four assists, and two blocked shots.

Showing some depth, Nick Lake scored six points and had four rebounds off the bench while reserve guard Marcus Schroeder had seven points in 13 minutes of action.

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ATTACK FORCE: Princeton University sophomore forward Kareem Maddox heads to the basket in recent action. Last Sunday Maddox produced a fine all-around effort, scoring nine points with five rebounds, four assists, and two blocked shots to help Princeton top Army 55-43. The win improved Princeton to 1-2 and broke a 24-game losing streak away from Jadwin Gym, as the Tigers earned their first road win since a 57-46 victory at Iona on December 30, 2006.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



HIGH FIVE: Princeton University junior women's distance star Liz Costello heads to victory last month in the Ivy League Heptagonal Cross Country Championships. Last Monday, Costello placed 11th in the individual at the NCAA championship meet in Terre Haute, Ind. to help Princeton finish fifth in the team standings. It was the program's best-ever finish in the meet, bettering the ninth-place finish posted in 2003.

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Freshman Johnson Has Big Jadwin Debut; As PU Women's Hoops Routs Stony Brook

Laura Johnson has gone through plenty of pregame warm-ups over the years but last Saturday night was special.

The 5'8 Johnson cherished the moment as she loosened up in Jadwin Gym before the first home game of her career with the Princeton University women's basketball team.

"I love it; it is an awesome gym," said Johnson. "I was excited for my first game at home. It was a good crowd; I was ready to play."

The freshman from Lower Gwynedd, Pa. channeled her excitement into some superb play off the bench for the Tigers.

In the first half, she chipped in two assists and a steal in six minutes of play as Princeton built a 43-18 halftime advantage.

Over the final 20 minutes, Johnson found her shooting eye, hitting a trio of three-pointers as she scored 11 points to help the Tigers roar away to an 88-41 rout of the Seawolves.

When Johnson came in the first half to relieve senior point guard Jessica Berry, she was looking to keep an even keel despite her excitement.

"You just want to take care of the ball; you want to get your teammates open," said Johnson, who ended the evening with four assists and three rebounds in 13 minutes of action as the Tigers improved to 2-1 on the season.

"You want to be a ball handler and be a general on the court. Thankfully my teammates were getting up the court for me. I was able to push the ball up the court a couple of times to Lauren [Edwards] and the rest of my teammates and they were able to hit shots which was very helpful."

Johnson enjoyed hitting her shots. "Our motion of offense was working, everyone was touching the ball a couple of times," said Johnson who shot 4-of-5 from the field.

"I got open shots and thankfully I was able to hit those. After my first shot, I started feeling it."

Johnson acknowledged that the Tigers needed to regain the winning feeling, coming off an 83-35 loss to No. 2 Rutgers last Wednesday.

"We couldn't have asked for more from this game," said Johnson. "We came out and had energy right from the get-go. It started with our starting five. They got a couple of defensive stops and got a couple of quick baskets and then the bench was able to carry it on from there."

For Johnson, playing behind the wily Berry has helped her get off to a quick start in her college career.

"Jessica is like my coach in practice; she is always on me," said Johnson.

"LJ why are you doing this, and doing that," said Johnson. "I love watching

her play because she plays with so much heart. Out of everyone on the team, I think she plays with the most heart. To be able to play like her would be an honor."

Johnson wasn't the only Princeton freshman who showed heart in the win Saturday as classmate Devona Allgood had a team-high 10 rebounds with fellow newcomer Lauren Edwards chipping in nine points and Angela Groves coming up with three points and two rebounds.

The Tiger freshman class, which also includes Beth Binkley, has already developed a strong bond.

"We are a very, very close class," asserted Johnson. "It's tough not to spend a lot of time with each other because we are in the gym so much. We eat almost all of our meals together; we are always hanging out. It's just a great group of girls."

Princeton head coach Courtney Banghart likes what she is getting from her group of rookies.

"They are growing and they are being forced to grow up quickly," said Banghart.

"As you can see, they all get a chance. Devona was great on the boards. LJ made big shots. Lauren is so smooth; Angela and Beth were good."

It was good for Princeton to bounce back from its lopsided loss to Rutgers.

"We knew we were better than that," maintained Banghart, whose team shot 57.7 percent from the field in the win over Stony Brook and outrebounded the Seawolves 40-22.

"I am really pleased with their ability to bounce back; we executed on both sides really well. It was good post play; it was good guard play. It wasn't any one thing; we preach variety all year and I think we did a good job of that tonight."

Princeton's starting five did a good job as the Tigers jumped out to a 24-10 lead.

"I thought our starters got us off to a really good start," said Banghart, who is in her second year at the helm of the Tiger program. "Our kids showed that after they got punched in the face against Rutgers, they wanted to come out swinging."

Tiger sophomore star Ad-

die Micir came out shooting, hitting her first six shots on the way to a game-high 20 points.

"Addie can play any position," added Banghart of Micir who ended the game hitting 7-of-10 shots including 5-of-6 from three-point range.

"As we grow, we are going to be able to play off her a little better. She was phenomenal; she is just a great player."

Banghart is looking for more great things from her team as it builds on its nice start.

"Not only are we 2-1 but we had a big win on the road against a young team," said Banghart, whose club plays at Lehigh on November 30.

"We beat this team convincingly; it is nice to see results. Last year was all about process. We still have a long ways to go, but for game three, I am happy."

Johnson, for her part, thinks the Tigers are ready to do well over the long haul.

"It is a very long season, you have to keep your intensity going from game to game to game," said Johnson.

"Everyone in this game stepped up and hit shots, got rebounds, got deflections, got steals. I think it is a confidence booster for all of us. You go in, you give everything and know the next girl is going to come in and do the same thing for you."

—Bitt Alden



SURE START: Princeton University women's basketball freshman guard Laura Johnson brings the ball up the court in recent action. Last Saturday, Johnson scored 11 points off the bench in 13 minutes in her Jadwin Gym debut to help Princeton rout Stony Brook 88-41. Princeton, which improved to 2-1 with the victory, plays at Lehigh on November 30. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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Princeton Men's Soccer Finished Strongly; Rues What Might've Been in 5-9-3 Season

After the Princeton University men's soccer team blew two leads in losing to Brown 3-2 in early October to fall to 2-8-1 on the season, the Tigers could've folded.

Instead, Princeton rebounded from that defeat to play its best soccer of the season, going 3-1-2 in its last six games.

While Princeton head coach Jim Barlow was proud of how his team battled to the end, the strong finish showed what might have been in a frustrating 5-9-3 season.

"I think like in the last few years, we played our best soccer as the season went on," said Barlow, whose team went 2-2-3 in Ivy League play, good for a fifth place tie with Brown in the league standings.

"We were sharper with the ball, quicker in moving it to each other. The big challenge is to be further along when we start the process; it is important to get results earlier in the season."

In Barlow's view, the Tiger players have to be ready to hit the ground running when they come into preseason.

"Part of it is having the guys coming in sharper in the preseason so it doesn't take a month to get rolling."

said Barlow. "We now have a little bit longer preseason than in the past so maybe that will help."

In addition, Princeton needs to come up bigger in clutch situations. "We need to improve our mentality and win the big games like Brown and Harvard," said Barlow.

"After we lost those games, the guys were a little more relaxed and played their best soccer. We need to be excited in the big games but not let the pressure get to us. Losing two second half leads against Brown; that's a game you should win."

In fact, Barlow believes that the team could have won the games that it tied down the stretch, a 2-2 draw with Yale in the season finale and an earlier scoreless stalemate with Ivy co-champion Penn.

"Those ties could have been wins," maintained Barlow, a former Princeton star who now has a 92-95-36 record in his 13 years at the helm of the Tiger program.

"We outshot Yale 20-11; we had some really good chances at the end to win that game. It was disappointing to have a tie. In the Penn game, we had a majority of the possession

but they were more dangerous on the counters. It was a 0-0 game that was really well played and could've gone either way."

Princeton senior defender Matt Care certainly played well for the Tigers this fall as he earned All-Ivy first-team honors.

"We are one of the few teams that played with just three backs in our alignment," explained Barlow, in discussing what former Hun School standout Care brought to the team.

"The reason we were able to do that was because Matt was so sharp at center back. He did the work of two players, he organized our defense and broke up a lot of plays. We only gave up 21 goals in 17 games. He's a leader; he's athletic, tough, and assertive."

Sophomore Ben Burton was another tough defender for Princeton. "Ben Burton gave us a lot of athleticism," added Barlow of the native from Minneapolis, Minn. who was a second-team All-Ivy choice.

"It was comforting when he was back there. Two of our losses [Brown and Harvard] were games he didn't play due to a hamstring injury."

It will be comforting for Barlow to have junior captain Devin Muntz returning in the midfield after a season which saw him tally a goal and five assists on the way to earning second-team All-Ivy honors.

"Devin was our engine in the midfield; he kept things connected for us," said Barlow. "He needs to find a way to get more goals next year and finish off chances created out wider. We were good at getting to the endline and being dangerous but we need to finish better."

One of Princeton's most dangerous players was freshman star Antoine Hoppenot, a former Princeton Day School star who scored three goals on the season and earned second-team All-Ivy honors.

"Hoppenot was a completely different player the last four games," said Barlow, whose leading scorer was sophomore Brandon Busch with 15 points on six goals and three assists.

"He had his best game against Yale. On the first goal, he got behind defense and served a beautiful ball to Devin. On the second goal, he got behind defense and got pulled down. He was a real presence in our attack. He needs to work on finishing over the off-season."

Barlow is hoping that his team's strong finish can carry over into next season.

"We have a lot of eager young players," said Barlow. "There was a lot of frustration that the season ended as we were hitting our stride. We still ended 67th of over 200 in RPI (Ratings Percentage Index); three more wins and we would have been challenging for a bid to the NCAA tournament with our strength of schedule. I think the guys have channeled frustration into excitement for next season."

—Bill Alden

PU Sports Roundup

PU Men's Water Polo Takes 2nd at Easterns

Navy used a four-goal third quarter to rally from a halftime deficit and defeat the Princeton University men's water polo team 9-6 in the championship game of the 2008 Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Eastern Championships last Sunday at Navy.

The Tigers led 3-2 at half and went up 4-2 early in the third but the roof fell in as Navy outscored Princeton 7-2 the rest of the way.

Junior Douglas Wigley led the way for Princeton, scoring three goals with Brendan Colgan, Eric Vreeland, and Jeff Cole chipping in one apiece.

Sophomore goalie Mike Merlone made 11 saves as Princeton finished the season with a 19-10 record.

PU Men's Squash Off to Hot Start

The Princeton University men's squash team opened its season by posting 9-0 sweeps over Cornell and Middlebury last Sunday at Jadwin Gym.

Senior tri-captain Kimlee Wong's 3-0 win over Chris Sachvie at No. 1 highlighted the 9-0 win over Cornell. Wong played the top spot over Mauricio Sanchez, the longtime Princeton No. 1, because Sanchez has been injured throughout the preseason and hasn't been able to play a challenge match yet. Sanchez was able to get on the court at the No. 2 position and earned a 3-0 win over Alex Domenick.

A trio of freshmen won their Ivy League openers as well. Chris Callis (No. 5), Kelly Shannon (No. 6) and Jesus Pena (No. 9) all earned wins against Cornell; Shannon and Pena came back to also earn wins over Middlebury, while head coach Bob Calahan was able to use some players just below the varsity nine in that match as well.

The Tigers have a match at Franklin and Marshall on December 3.

PU Women's Squash Sweeps Opening Weekend

The Princeton University women's squash team started its 2008-09 season off on a strong note with a Sunday sweep of Cornell and Middlebury at Jadwin Gym.

Junior Emery Maine, who posted the winning point in Princeton's national championship win last season, rallied from a 0-2 hole during a win at Cornell and followed it up with a 3-0 win against Middlebury.

Maine's match was the highlight of the first session of matches. After falling 9-7 and 9-6 in the first two games against Liza Stokes, Maine caught fire and dropped only two points to win the final three games 9-0, 9-2 and 9-0. Teammates Amanda Siebert (2), Maggie O'Toole (6), and Nikki Sequira (8) all won their matches in three games to give Princeton a 4-0 edge heading

into the second session of matches.

Senior tri-captain Joanna Scoon made quick work of Anne Ritter at No. 7 to clinch the team win for Princeton which posted a 7-2 victory over the Big Red. The Tigers also got wins at both ends of the lineup, as junior Neha Kumar won in four games at No. 1 and freshman Katie Giovinazzo won her Ivy League debut at No. 9 in three games.

Princeton has a match at Brown on December 6.

PU Women's Hockey Posts Weekend Split

Freshmen forwards Julie Johnson and Danielle DiCesare each scored goals but it wasn't enough as the Princeton University women's hockey team fell 3-2 in overtime to visiting Clarkson last Saturday.

The Tigers outshot the Golden Knights 37-22 on the game but ended up on the short end as Kimberly McKenney's goal midway through the overtime period lifted Clarkson to the win.

On Friday, Princeton utilized a balanced attack to

pull off a 4-2 upset over No. 4 St. Lawrence. Sasha Sherry led the way with two goals while Paula Romanchuk had a goal and an assist and Melanie Wallace and Katherine Dineen each chipped in two assists.

The Saints entered the game with an undefeated record in ECAC Hockey play and just one loss on the season.

Princeton, now 4-6 overall and 2-4 in ECAC Hockey action, plays at Boston College on November 28 before hosting Quinnipiac on December 2.

Princeton Wrestling Falls to Penn, Lehigh

Getting off to a rough start in dual match action, the Princeton University wrestling team fell 47-0 to No. 21 Penn on Saturday and then lost 41-3 to Lehigh a day later.

A victory by senior captain Marty Everitt at 157 pounds was Princeton's main highlight in the loss to Lehigh.

The Tigers are next in action they wrestle against Franklin and Marshall and Rutgers on December 6.



SIX-SHOOTERS: Princeton University men's hockey junior forward Mark Magnowski clears the puck in recent action. Last Saturday, Magnowski scored two goals as ninth-ranked Princeton topped Clarkson 4-2 to win its sixth straight game. In upcoming action, the Tigers, now 7-1 overall and 6-1 in ECAC Hockey play, will host Quinnipiac on November 26 before heading up to Troy, N.Y. to play in the Rensselaer Tournament with games on November 28 and 29.

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GO TIME: Princeton High boys' ice hockey senior star Jeff Goeke controls the puck in action last winter. PHS will be depending on Goeke to be its key playmaker this season. The Little Tigers open their 2008-9 season when they play Steinert on December 1 at the Mercer County Park rink.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJSportAction)



GROWTH PROCESS: Princeton High boys' ice hockey forward Fraser Graham races up the ice in a game last winter. Graham, now a sophomore, emerged as a scoring threat for the Little Tigers last winter in his debut campaign. Graham and the PHS are primed to improve on the 4-17 record they posted last season.

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After Taking Plenty of Lumps Last Winter, PHS Boys' Hockey Primed for New Season

Going with a youth movement by necessity last winter, the Princeton High boys' ice hockey team took it on the chin night after night.

With only three seniors on the team and relying on five main players, PHS struggled to a 4-17 record in Tim Campbell's debut season as head coach.

But as the 2008-09 season approaches, Campbell believes his young players have absorbed the tough lessons they learned last winter.

"Last year was a huge learning experience; we had to deal with a lot of stuff and learn to not give up," said Campbell, whose team opens its season by playing Steinert on December 1 at the Mercer County Park rink.

"It is hard for teenage young men to see that ideal and not get discouraged. The returning players are confident."

One reason for confidence around the Little Tigers is

the addition of freshman goalie Josh Berger.

"He's on the smaller side but very quick," said Campbell, whose team was plagued by spotty play in goal last winter.

"He may be a freshman but he's a leader on the ice. He is involved in the plays; he's vocal. Having Josh makes the defensemen more confident. They can get involved in offense and not be concerned about having to stay back so much on defense."

Campbell is happy with his crew of defensemen which is led by senior star Billy Ward and features sophomores Dean DiTosto, Griffin Peck, and Adam Millar together with freshmen David Wright and Coleman Preziosi.

"Ward leads by example," said Campbell. "DiTosto was good as a freshman, he is going to be a leader for us. Preziosi and Griffin Peck are going to be on the ice. Wright will see some time as will Millar."

Buoyed by increased depth, PHS will have several forwards seeing plenty of ice time.

"We should have three lines of forwards," said Campbell, who opted to go with one main line for much of last winter. "We will be running in two lines most of the time."

Leading the way up front will be senior star Jeff Goeke together with battle-tested sophomores Fraser Graham and Peter Twining.

"Goeke will be quarterbacking every shift he is on," said Campbell, who will also be using sophomore Michael Irving and a pair of freshmen Kirby Peck and Will Greenberg at forward. "Graham has grown; he has more size and speed. Twining is also looking good."

The team's maturity has translated into a more serious approach to the game.

"We have a very strong work ethic from the top to the bottom," asserted Campbell. "Every kid is working really, really hard; even the kids who may not see a lot of ice time this season."

With PHS playing Hun at Iceland on December 3 and then facing Hopewell Valley two days later at Mercer County Park, Campbell will get an early read on what kind of time his team may have this winter.

"This is a team that should win a lot more than four games," said Campbell.

"I look at every game as a potential win. We shouldn't be intimidated by anyone; we have depth. We have to give 45 full minutes; we can't just come alive in the third period."

—Bill Alden

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PHS Soccer Star Kotowski, Stuart's Gaudioso-Radvany Get Nod as Town Topics' Outstanding Fall Performers

It started in the first game of the season for the Princeton High boys' soccer team and it continued all fall.

In early September, senior forward Sam Kotowski notched the game-winning goal for PHS in a 2-1 win over Lawrence in the season opener for both teams.

Having started from the day he walked in the door in his freshman year at PHS, Kotowski was primed to be the go-to guy for PHS in his final campaign.

"With all the playing I do and the experience I have, shooting is something I take very seriously," said Kotowski.

"If there is anything, I do extra it is definitely going to be shooting. There are going to be some games where I only get two or three chances, maybe not even that and I have to put it away. I feel a lot more confident in the box. I know if I have the ball and I am open anywhere in the 18, it's going in."

The shots kept going in for Kotowski all fall as he amassed a school-record 31 goals with 14 of them game-winners.

With Kotowski as its cold-blooded sniper up front, PHS produced another memorable campaign. After losing consecutive games to WW/P-N and Steinert in early October, the Little Tigers went on a tear.

In the semifinals of the Mercer County Tournament,

fifth-seeded PHS topped No. 1 WW/P-N 2-1 in overtime on a Kotowski header. The Little Tigers went on to take their second straight MCT title, blanking No. 2 Pennington 2-0 in the championship game with Kotowski tallying an insurance goal in the second half.

In the Group III Central Jersey sectional quarterfinals, Kotowski scored the first two goals as fourth-seeded PHS beat No. 5 Point Pleasant Boro 3-0.

Four days later in a rematch with No. 1 WW/P-N in the sectional semis, Kotowski scored an early goal and it looked like PHS was on the way to the elite eight. But the Northern Knights came through with a goal in the second half to force overtime and then won the contest on a tally in the first extra session to end PHS' season and Kotowski's marvelous career.

PHS head coach Wayne Sutcliffe was floored by Kotowski's senior campaign.

"Sam's performance this season is just unbelievable," asserted Sutcliffe, noting that he believed Kotowski also set a mark for most career goals at PHS as he led the Little Tigers to a 17-4 mark this fall.

"I haven't seen a player impact as many games with goals and game winners. I have to say that and we have had a lot of good ones."

For having an impact like few, if any, players in PHS

history, Kotowski gets the nod as the Town Topics' top male performer of the fall season.

Top Female Performer

Jackie Gaudioso-Radvany had a bull's eye on her back this fall coinciding into her final season with the Stuart Country Day field hockey program.

The high-scoring forward received plenty of publicity when she committed early to play with defending national champion North Carolina after her Stuart career.

Stuart came into the fall having won three straight Mercer County Tournament crowns and having tied for the state Prep title in 2007.

Gaudioso-Radvany started the season within reach of hitting the 100-goal milestone in her career, a feat never accomplished before in county field hockey circles.

As she prepared for the final high school campaign, Gaudioso-Radvany was determined to diversify her game.

"I have been focusing on one-versus-one defense," explained Gaudioso-Radvany, who was one of 50 players selected to play in the junior national camp held in early July in Virginia Beach.

"As far as inside the circle, I am solid with my scoring. I need to be better outside the circle; I need to be a more all-around player."

The easy-going Gaudioso-Radvany showed early on that the pressure wasn't going to get her. She tallied three goals in Stuart's season-opening 7-0 win over Academy of New Church.

That performance was a harbinger of things to come as Gaudioso-Radvany continually frustrated defenses designed to shut her down.

After the Tartans experienced a mini-slump in late September which saw them lose two of three games, Gaudioso-Radvany caught fire down the stretch.

She scored seven goals in four games in early October to help Stuart get rolling headed into the preseason.

Gaudioso-Radvany scored a goal and an assist as Stuart topped Blair 5-0 in the Prep quarterfinals. Gaudioso-Radvany and the Tartans, however, couldn't find the range in the semis as they fell 1-0 to eventual champion Peddie.

In the MCT, Gaudioso-Radvany tallied two goals and an assist as the Tartans routed Ewing 5-0 in a first-round contest. She added an assist as Stuart edged Stenert 1-0 in overtime in the MCT quarters.

Two days later, Gaudioso-Radvany hit her 100 goal milestone in style, scoring the lone goal in Stuart's 1-0 win over Notre Dame in the MCT semis.

While Stuart ended up falling to Hopewell Valley

2-0 in the MCT championship game, that couldn't dim what Gaudioso-Radvany accomplished in her stellar career.

Stuart head coach Katie Grant put her star forward's accomplishments in perspective after the loss which left Stuart at 18-6 this season.

"I am sure it is tough for her to go out on a lower note with a loss," said Grant of Gaudioso-Radvany, who led the area in scoring her senior season piling up 30 goals and 17 assists.

"At the same time, I think she has so much to celebrate and so much to be proud of. She's going on to play, good for her, that's exciting."

For punctuating her superb career with an exciting final season, Gaudioso-Radvany is the choice as the Town Topics' top female performer.

Top Newcomers

With a little arm-twisting from some friends, Skye Ettin came out for the Princeton High football team this fall.

Known for his exploits as a slashing forward on the PHS boys' basketball team, the tall, wiry junior seemed out of his element as the Little Tigers absorbed a 29-3 season-opening loss to Nottingham.

Playing at defensive back, Ettin wasn't a factor as the Northstar offense rumbled through PHS.

But as the season went on, Ettin's athleticism and nose for the ball proved to be an asset for the Little Tigers.

The 6'3 Ettin made several key interceptions as PHS went on a five-game winning

streak in the middle of the season.

While PHS fell short of a state playoff berth, Ettin stood tall in the secondary, ending the season with a team-high eight interceptions.

For taking a stab at a new sport and becoming a key performer, Ettin gets the nod as the top male newcomer.

Jenna Cody dominated the middle school scene last fall as an 8th grader at the Cranbury School.

The slender Cody finished first among the Cranbury boys and girls in every race in 2007.

This fall, Cody made a sudden impact for the PHS girls' cross country team, beating the field in a season-opening quad meet with Steinert, Trenton, and Nottingham and then winning a tri-meet involving Notre Dame and Lawrence.

But in late October, Cody's strong fall turned into a nightmare as her older sister, Helene, a sophomore runner for PHS, fell ill and died from a brain aneurysm.

Helene's death came days before the Mercer County Championship meet and PHS head coach Jim Smirk wasn't sure if his freshman star could go on.

"We had a really long discussion about that; there wasn't any pressure from us for her to run," recalled Smirk.

"We talked about it the other day and, as expected, she was very reserved about it. When we finally came to the decision about it, I said

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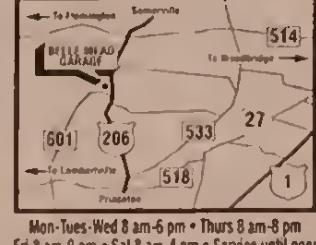


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STRIKING PRESENCE: Princeton High boys' soccer senior striker Sam Kotowski chases down the ball in action this fall. Kotowski set a PHS mark for most goals in a season, scoring 31 to lead the Little Tigers to a 17-4 record and their second straight Mercer County Tournament title.

(Photo by Stephen Goldsmith)

Fall Review

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you are going to warm up and we are going to put you on the roster to race. She had a huge smile; that was the answer I really needed. It wasn't what she said, it was that look of let's do this for all the right reasons."

Cody went out on the course at Washington's Crossing Park for the county meet and came through with aplomb, placing 13th to help lead the Little Tigers to a fifth-place finish in the team standings.

Smirk marveled at Cody's effort in the county meet. "Her performance was amazing on so many levels," said Smirk. "The Codys are amazing people. Jenna just falls in line with her family. We wanted to make sure we were there for her and she wanted to make sure that

she was there for us."

Cody was there for the Little Tigers as they finished their season in style. A week after the county meet, she placed 8th as PHS took third in the Central Jersey Group II sectional meet. Cody ended her season by taking 24th to help PHS finish sixth in the Group III state meet.

For emerging as PHS' top runner and providing a profile in courage, Cody is the choice as the Town Topics' top female newcomer.

Top Coaches

Wayne Sutcliffe knew there were plenty of doubters as his



Princeton High boys' soccer team hit the pitch this fall.

With PHS losing a core of seniors from a 2007 team that went 17-1 and won the Mercer County Tournament crown, many thought the Little Tigers were going to take a step backward this fall.

"There were a lot of people at the beginning of the soccer season around Mercer County who thought maybe we are going to take a little bit of a drop," said Sutcliffe. "We lost four outstanding players from last year."

Instead, PHS picked up where it left off last year, starting the season at 8-0.

In early October, the Little Tigers stumbled a bit losing 2-0 to undefeated WW/P-N and falling 1-0 to Steinert in consecutive games.

Showing a firmer resolve and bolstered by the addition of transfer Paul Ehrenworth, PHS got back on the winning track.

In the MCT, fifth-seeded PHS edged top-seeded WW/P-N 2-1 in overtime in a scintillating semifinal clash. The Little Tigers then blanked No. Pennington 2-0 in the title game to win its second straight MCT crown.

In the state playoffs, fourth-seeded PHS topped No. 5 Point Pleasant Boror 3-0 in the Central Jersey Group III sectional quarterfinals.

The Little Tigers' season came to an end days later when they fell 2-1 in overtime to top-seeded WW/P-N in the sectional semifinals.

While Sutcliffe was disappointed by that result, he was proud of what his team accomplished this fall.

"To win the MCT this year was harder than last year because of our seed," said Sutcliffe, whose team ended the season with a record of 17-4. "To run through the CVC schedule and only drop a couple of games was a great season."

For keeping PHS on the winning track and guiding it to another MCT title, Sutcliffe is the choice as the top coach of a male team.

With a roster dominated by sophomores and freshmen, Princeton Day School girls' soccer head coach Pat Trombetta thought his team was probably a year away from being a championship contender.

In the early stages of the season, the Panthers looked ordinary as they got off to a pedestrian 4-3 start.

Troubled by his team's uneven start, Trombetta dispensed of practice one afternoon.

"We were 4-3 and a lot of teams weren't really looking at us," recalled Trombetta. "We didn't practice one day, we just sat down and had a meeting and talked about the direction that we wanted to see things going. Everybody got on board."

From that point, the Panthers went on a special ride, winning 10 of their next 12 games to advance to the state Prep B championship game in early November.

In that game, top-seeded PDS got two goals from senior star Erin Cook as it edged No. 3 Montclair Kimberley Academy 2-1 in overtime to win the title.

In the raucous post-game celebration, Trombetta acknowledged that he was taken aback by his team's title.

"It is unbelievable because we have only two seniors," said Trombetta, whose team finished the season with a 15-5 record.

"It says a lot; we have nine sophomores on the team and each one of them stepped up today. This was a game they could have easily rolled over, losing that momentum in OT. They came back and did a fantastic job."

For doing a fantastic job in leading his young side to a state title, Trombetta gets the nod at the Town Topics top coach among female teams.

—Bill Alden



PLAN B: Princeton Day School girls' soccer head coach Pat Trombetta, far right in the back row, celebrates with his players after PDS topped Montclair Kimberley Academy 2-1 in overtime to win the state Prep B title. The Panthers finished the fall with a 15-5 record.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



FINISHING SCHOOL: Stuart Country Day senior field hockey star Jackie Gaudioso-Radvany follows through on a pass in action this fall. The North Carolina bound Gaudioso-Radvany scored 30 goals and had 17 assists this season to lead Stuart to an 18-6 record. Her final goal gave her 100 in her career as she became the first player in county history to hit that milestone.

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PHS Girls' Runners Overcame Tragedy, Finished Season With Courageous Races

Tragedy could have easily derailed the Princeton High girls' cross country team this fall.

The death of sophomore runner Helene Cody in late October left the Little Tigers devastated and questioning whether running and competing made sense under the circumstances.

PHS head coach Jim Smirk turned to senior team captains Molly Lynch and Mina Juhn to help pick up the pieces in the wake of Cody's untimely passing. "After Helene passed away, I met with Molly and Mina and told them they need to be captains like they were a month ago," recalled Smirk.

"It was not their responsibility to help everyone grieve; it was their responsibility to let the girls understand that there was a lot of support. They did that. They listened and helped girls come to terms with things and understand that running and cross country are still important. It is still important to dedicate yourself to something and a team. It doesn't mean that things are less important even though you may look at it from a different perspective."

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Jenna in the first mile," said Smirk

"At a mile and a quarter, Molly took over for Jenna and carried her for a mile. At the 2.5 mile mark, Alicia Fenley picked her head up and saw Molly ahead and decided to get her. Molly ran with her for 300-400 yards and then told her to go for it. Molly was the link in the toughest parts for our two top girls, the middle third and the last mile."

At the Group III state meet, PHS battled to the last mile of the season as it finished sixth.

"I thought we did great; I thought we did a better job at the group meet than in the sectional," asserted Smirk.

"Alicia had a really good day; she came in 20th. Jenna was 24th. She really wanted her to run a strong first mile; she did a good job of coming out of the bowl in good position. Molly had a tough day; she didn't run her best time on the course.

She showed she could battle every step of the way; she let very few runners pass her. As a coach, it is great to see how she has matured."

The travails of the fall tested Smirk's maturity as a coach. "When I found out that Sunday about Helene, I was devastated," said Smirk.

"I thought what am I going to do. I thought about what we always tell the girls and that is to try to do your best everyday, no matter what. My decision was to give it my best as a coach in getting the girls through this."

Ultimately, coach and runners worked together to get through things. "I am incredibly proud of each girl; they had reasons to stop and all of them were legitimate," added Smirk.

"But they wanted to honor our work, honor Helene, honor the Cody family, and honor the team. I realized that rather than making me want to quit, it made me want to coach my hardest. I didn't really change; I did the technical stuff. It was the girls that got me through it; they made me appreciate the qualities they have."

And that collective effort kept a program on the right track under the toughest of circumstances.

—Bill Alden

PDS Field Hockey Struggled in Big Games But Displayed Character All Season Long

For the Princeton Day School field hockey team, its loss to Hun in the state Prep A quarterfinals symbolized its uneven season.

After jumping out to a 1-0 lead on a goal by senior star Mariel Jenkins, PDS ultimately succumbed as it lost 2-1 on strokes after overtime.

In going 7-11 this fall, the Panthers fought hard but were on the wrong end of a number of close contests.

Longtime PDS head coach Jill Thomas acknowledged that her team had problems getting over the hump in big games.

"The season was a lot of fun but we came up short," said Thomas. "We hung in there with the best teams; we have nothing to be ashamed of."

Thomas pointed to the Hun loss as exhibit A of how her team never stopped battling.

"I thought we had a great game against Hun," said Thomas, whose team also fell in the Mercer County

Tournament quarterfinals, dropping a 5-2 decision to Notre Dame. "We really showed our character. The game could have gone either way; it was tough to see it end on strokes."

In assessing the fall, Thomas said the team's inconsistency was due, in part, from having to blend a group of seniors with largely inexperienced younger players.

"We had a lot of experience and a ton of youth," explained Thomas. "Meshing the two was the challenge; the seniors did a good job of helping the younger players."

It will be a challenge for PDS to fill the void that will be left by senior star Jenkins, who combined with younger sister, sophomore standout Sydney, to give the Panthers a potent one-two scoring punch.

"Mariel was our leading scorer; she had a great senior season," said Thomas. "Teams keyed on both Mariel and Sydney, they did well with that."

Thomas was also happy with the rest of her seniors and how well they competed.

"There are a lot of unsung heroes," asserted Thomas, whose groups of seniors included Bryanna Mayes, Charlotte Lescroart, Becca Lavinson, Georgia Travers, Alison Sorrentino, and Caitlin Gribbin.

"Players like Lavinson, Travers, Sorrentino, and Gribbin; they gave us everything they had. They leave with a lot of pride in the program; knowing that they contributed to something bigger than them. All seven brought a lot to the table; they started every game."

The team's returning players will have to bring more to the table if PDS is to live up to the legacy of those seniors.

"Sydney is going to have to be our go-to player," added Thomas. "Kids like Victoria Maloney, Steph Sydlo, Kayleigh McLaughlin, and Cameron Giles are going to have to put in some time over the offseason. They need to step it up."

—Bill Alden



FANTASTIC FOUR: Princeton Day School field hockey players, from left, Rebecca Lavinson, Charlotte Lescroart, Mariel Jenkins, and Sydney Jenkins are all smiles after learning they were chosen as Central Jersey Field Hockey Coaches Associations (CJFCHA) all stars. Seniors Lavinson and Lescroart were honorable mention selections while classmate Mariel Jenkins was a first-team choice and younger sister, Sydney, was named to the second team. The Panthers went 7-11 this year, falling in the quarterfinals of both the Mercer County Tournament and the state Prep A tourney.

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Narrow Loss to St. Benedict's in Preps Showed Hun Boys' Soccer Its Potential

It was a defeat but it showed the Hun School boys' soccer team how good it can be.

Playing nationally ranked St. Benedict's in the state Prep A semifinals earlier this month, Hun jumped out to a 1-0 lead. The Raiders fought the perennial prep champs tooth-and-nail the rest of the way before going down to a 2-1 loss.

Hun first-year head coach Pat Quirk believes his team's effort in defeat will have a positive impact down the road for the program.

"The whole team played hard; everyone played their hearts out," said Quirk, whose team finished the fall with an 8-10-2 record.

"I have been telling them all week that soccer is a game where anything can happen. Our sophomores and juniors were really up for it; they wanted to hang with the best. It gives them something to shoot for next year; they know a lot of things can happen when they play hard together."

Hun got a hard effort all

fall long from senior star Ryan Kreger, who was coming off a knee injury that sidelined him in 2007.

"Ryan Kreger came back from his injury and played every minute of every game," said Quirk of Kreger, who finished the fall with a team-high seven goals. "We moved him from defense to midfield; I didn't really want to do that but it became necessary. He became leading scorer when we didn't have a scorer."

Injuries, though, prevented Hun from getting full productivity from senior standouts Tom Nicholas and Stephen Norman.

"Tom Nicholas played very well before he got hurt," said Quirk, whose group of seniors also included Jelani Rooks, Hunter Barth, and Daniel Cohen. "Steve was great coming off the bench when he came back. He showed the young guys how to play striker. We never had the whole team healthy at the same time."

In Quirk's view, the pro-

gram should be in good health with the return of such young players as Julian Plummer, Frankie Vilaverde, Brian Patriarca, Liam McManimon, Ryan Stokes, and Chris Caputo.

"I am happy with the core of players coming back," added Quirk. "Everybody got good experience; we pulled some freshmen up and they added a lot. The returning players want to bring back winning tradition. They heard Thomas and Ryan talk about their first three years and they want the program to be like that again."

In reflecting on his first year at the helm of the program, Quirk believes his player have the right mentality to achieve future success.

"I was always happy with their effort," said Quirk, noting that his team overcame deficits in several of its wins.

"They fought hard no matter what the score. I will work them harder in preseason and I also want them to train harder in the offseason."

—Bill Alden

Local Sports

Princeton Girls' Lacrosse Registration

Princeton Girls Lacrosse (PG Lax) is opening its online registration on November 15 for the 2009 spring lacrosse season.

PG Lax will have three team levels — 3rd/4th, 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade, and the season will run from early March to early June. Practices will take place two afternoons a week with games usually held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. All girls from beginners to advanced are welcomed.

PG Lax offers an eight week clinic for girls in kindergarten through 2nd grade to be held once a week in April and May. The program cost is \$80.

The PG Lax registration fee is \$295, which includes all league and club fees and a uniform. Registration forms can be downloaded from the PG Lax web site (www.pglax.com), and hard copies are available at the Princeton Recreation Department. Registration will close on January 31, 2009. For more information, please call Aaron Burt at (609) 240-4033.

Princeton's Trinity Church Holding Turkey Trot 5k

The Trinity Church is holding a Thanksgiving Turkey Trot, a 5k Fun Run and Walk to benefit the Crisis Ministry.

The event will start at 8

a.m. on November 27. There is a \$25 day-of-race registration fee from 7 a.m.-7:30 a.m. There will be T-shirts for the entrants as supplies last.

The sponsors ask that participants bring a can of food for the Crisis Ministry of Princeton.

The course runs from Trinity Church at 33 Mercer Street through the surrounding neighborhood to the Princeton University track stadium. Call (609) 924-2277 for more information on the event.

distinguished members of the sports industry, many of whom are Princeton alumni.

The half-day event will begin with a keynote conversation between attorney and sports agent Ronald M. Shapiro, co-founder and chairman of Shapiro Negotiations Institute, and his son, Mark Shapiro, executive vice president and general manager of the Cleveland Indians and a member of Princeton's Class of 1989.

The conversation will be followed by seven panel discussions that address the Olympic Games, sports marketing and sponsorships, sports media and technology, athlete marketing and representation, and professional and amateur sports properties.

A full schedule of events is available on the Princeton Varsity Club website at www.princetonvarsityclub.org.

The public is invited to attend and there is no admission charge. For more information, contact Jonathan Lea at jlea@princeton.edu.



ROLLE MODEL: Myron Rolle races up the field in 2004 during his career with the Hun School football team. Last Saturday, Rolle, now a senior defensive back at Florida State, garnered national attention as he was named a 2009 Rhodes Scholar. Rolle, who aspires to be a neurosurgeon, will study medical anthropology in his two-year fellowship at the University of Oxford. Rolle, a 2006 Hun alum, said his time at the school helped put him on the path to the Rhodes Scholarship. "The Hun School of Princeton certainly challenged me intellectually and athletically," said Rolle. "It was here, in Hun's academic environment that fosters growth in character, where I began to realize my potential."

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Obituaries

Margaret Frederiksen

Margaret "Markie" Frederiksen, nee Anna Margaret Miller, died November 21 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Moulton, Iowa, she was the youngest of the six children of John Wesley Miller and Annie Mary Hebson. She was raised in Des Moines, where she attended school and Drake University. She taught school in Iowa and later in Princeton.

She met her husband, Norman "Fritz" Frederiksen in Drake, Colo. They were later married in 1936 in Des Moines. They moved to Syracuse, N.Y., where her husband was completing his Ph.D. in psychology at Syracuse University. They later moved to Princeton, where they lived together until Dr. Frederiksen's death in 1998.

Mrs. Frederiksen was active in organizations in Princeton including the University League, P.T.A., and League of Women Voters.

She is survived by her twin sons John Roland Frederiksen of Berkeley, Calif. and Seattle, Wash. and Carl Hebson Frederiksen of Montreal, Canada; and by five grandchildren.

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She was a longtime teacher and head of the Pre-School at Stuart County Day of the Sacred Heart and a founding trustee of the Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart.

She was predeceased by her parents; a sister, Maureen; a brother, J.B.; and a son, Dennis L. Williams. She is survived by her husband, Frank J. Kenny Jr.; three daughters, Karen (Williams) Newman, Elizabeth (Williams) Munns, and Mary Elizabeth (Kenny) O'Keefe; three brothers, Stephen, Peter, and Daniel McGuire; a sister, Winifred Hoff; and six grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated November 22 at St. Paul's Church, followed by a reception and private family burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Stuart County Day School of the Sacred Heart or Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Arrangements were by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Pearl Pashko

Pearl Pashko, 96, of Bellingham, Wash., formerly of Princeton, died peacefully November 23 with her daughter and granddaughter at her side.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she was one of five Meiselman sisters. With her death, the last is gone. Her remaining sister died just a week before Pearl.

Her early years were happy ones in the midst of a large extended Jewish family in the heart of a vibrant immigrant neighborhood. She passed the police exam as a young woman, graduated from Hunter College, became a librarian, and then received her master of arts at Columbia, going on to complete most of a Ph.D. in the Irish Theater.

Married to Stanley Pashko in 1943, she co-authored several books for boys and girls. The couple moved to New Jersey in 1956 and to Princeton in 1959. She taught English, French, German, and classes for gifted children for more than 35 years in Princeton and Franklin Township Schools. She was a dedicated teacher who inspired many young people to achieve more than they had imagined they could.

She was a member of the Princeton Unitarian Church for more than 45 years and remained a Princeton resident until she moved to Bell-

ingham to be near her family in 2006.

Her husband, Stanley, died in 1982. She is survived by her daughter, granddaughter, and husband, Ariana and Hakim Kaci and grandson, Noah Hammarlund.

No formal memorial service is planned.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Nature Conservancy; or to the Princeton Unitarian Church.

Dorothy M. Thomas

Dorothy Morgenstern Thomas of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, a former longtime resident of Princeton, died October 25 in Chapel Hill.

She is survived by a son in New Zealand and a daughter in Raleigh, N.C.

Catherine (Kay) Walsh

Catherine (Kay) Walsh, wife of the late Edmund V. Walsh, passed away peacefully on Nov. 24, 2008 in Bridgeport. Born in Dublin, Ireland on Aug. 20, 1910, she immigrated to the United States, a country she loved, in 1930, settling in New York City where she married in 1938. Together they raised their family in Queens Village and later in Purchase, (White Plains) NY where Kay resided until 2000. She relocated to The Watermark at 3030 Park Ave., Bridgeport, where she made many new friends.

Kay loved life and lived it to the fullest. Besides her family, her passions were the stock market, contract bridge, and cooking. One of her great pleasures was recommending stock tips to her children and grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Kay was predeceased by her brothers William, James, John and Christopher McDonnell, and sisters May McDonnell, Peggy McElevy and Rose McGonigle. She is survived by her son, Kevin Walsh and his wife Candice of Princeton NJ, her daughter, Sheila McKelvey and her husband, Ray of Fairfield; five grandchildren, Jennifer and John Walsh of NYC and Kevin, Michael and Catherine McKelvey of Fairfield; a sister, Elizabeth Ryan and brother, Patrick McDonnell of Florida and many nieces and nephews.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, November 28, 2008 at 12:00 noon at St. Pius X Church in Fairfield. Interment is private. Friends may greet her family prior to the Mass on Friday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Shaughnessy-Banks Funeral Home, 50 Reef Road, Fairfield.

Donations may be made in her memory to: New England Retina Research & Education Foundation, 2200 Whitney Ave., Hamden CT 06518 or The Merton House, 43 Madison Ave., Bridgeport Ct. 06604. To send an online condolence, please visit www.shaughnessyfuneralhome.com



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Ruth Williams

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Prof. Singer and Mr. D'Souza faced each other in May 2008 at Biola University before thousands of guests on the question of the existence of God. The Princeton debate promises to be equally heated, as the topic is deliberately framed so as to focus attention on Prof. Singer's controversial views on ethics and morality.

Prof. Singer is the Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at the University Center for Human Values at Princeton. He was the founding president of the International Association of Bioethics and, with Helga Kuhse, founding co-editor of the journal Bioethics. He first became internationally known after the publication of *Animal Liberation* in 1975. His newest book, *We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter*, will be published in May.

Mr. D'Souza is the Robert and Karen Rishwain Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. *Investor's Business Daily* called him one of the "top young public-policy makers in the country," and the New York

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The debate is organized by Princeton Faith and Action. Tickets are \$15, available through University ticketing by calling (609) 258-9220 or online at www.princeton.edu/utickets.

String of Pearls, the Jewish Reconstructionist congregation of Princeton, will hold Shabbat Evening services on Friday, December 5 with a 7 p.m. family service and community Oneg at 8 p.m. Community members are welcome.

Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum will lead services at The UU Building, 50 Cherry Hill Road, Princeton.

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For more information, visit www.stringofpearlsweb.org or call (609) 430-0025.

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The First Baptist Church is located on the corner of John Street and Paul Robeson Place.

The Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4565 Route 27, Kingston, will present a Holiday Concert with the South Brunswick High School Concert Choir on Saturday, December 6 at 4:30 p.m. The Concert Choir of 40 students has won numerous competitions. It recently performed at Disneyworld, and with the New York Symphony Orchestra on November 23 at Carnegie Hall. In January the singers will participate in the pre-inaugural ceremonies in Washington, D.C. The choir is under the direction of Virginia Kraft.

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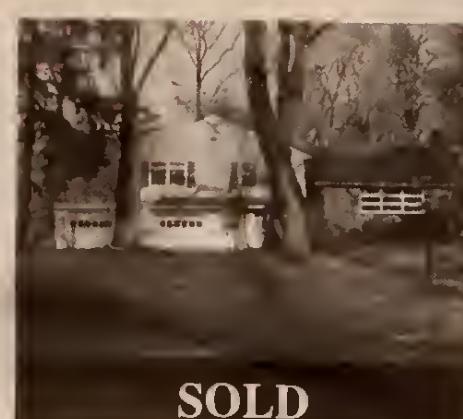
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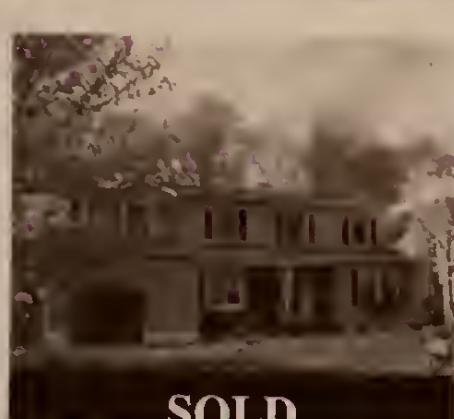
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In the meantime, this traditional day of giving thanks was declared a national holiday by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, to be celebrated on the last-Thursday-in-November. He proclaimed a national day of hope, thanks and forgiveness in response to the Civil War. Later, sometime after 1900, the familiar illustrations of Pilgrims and Native Americans sitting down to dinner in peace appeared widely in calendar art and on patriotic murals. For the Victorians, the Pilgrim festival with its big dinner and charitable hospitality became the perfect match for the contemporary Thanksgiving holiday.

Although the association of the Pilgrims with the Thanksgiving holiday has a complicated history, by 1920 their role as Thanksgiving icons and the spiritual ancestors of all Americans became permanently fixed in American tradition.

This is a time for me to thank all of my readers and wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving holiday.



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Now, if you are attending one or more of the many parties of the season, or if you are actually brave enough to be giving one, there are certain elements to ensure that you and/or your party will not go unnoticed. Always keeping in mind, of course, that a warm, friendly manner and atmosphere does wonders for putting people at ease in any situation.

Clothes, food, and libations are crucial to success.

You want to look your best, and you want the eats and drinks to be tasty and tempting.

First, what to wear? How you look can affect how you feel and the image you present. Unlike fashion of the past — back in the days — today, there is an eclectic, rather free-wheeling tone to party attire. Take the ubiquitous jeans — they are seen everywhere, in every setting, and on everyone (with the possible exception of Queen Elizabeth — but who actually knows?!)

For parties, jeans can be dressed up — or down, if it's a very informal affair. Black velvet jeans with a sequined top or jacket, are a definite statement, and the popular sleek waxed jeans are also party material.

Of course, there are parties and parties. If it's a down-home casual time with old friends, informality can be the key. A night out in the private party room of the poshest restaurant in town calls for a different look.

Choices Galore

For the ladies, is it glitter or sleek, long or short, pants or skirts, black (always), but also red, purple, or silver metallic? You don't have to be a dedicated fashionista to find the right look for the holiday scene. First, you must feel good in the outfit — if you're uncomfortable, that will come through and detract from your enjoyment of the event.

There are choices galore, and there is surely one that is right for you.

"Dressy shirts, silk blouses, short little cocktail dresses, velvet jeans with cashmere sweaters, velvet leopard print jackets — these are all perfect for parties," says Barbara Racich, owner of Merrick's, the popular women's store.

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Also, she adds, ruffles and ruching are not just relevant — they are prevalent! "There is definitely a ruffled trend. We see many more ruffles. Ruffled collars (there's also a lot more collar interest), and also ruffled wraps. A cashmere ruffled wrap from Magashoni is a great look with black pants or black skirt. And there are ruffled sweaters and ruffled shawls. All very feminine and great for parties."

There is nothing more elegant than a black cocktail party suit, and Merrick's offers a stunning example, featuring braided chiffon accent on collars, cuffs, and pockets. A fashion statement for sure.

Dressy velvet jeans from Christopher Blue, pencil skirts above or just below the knee, narrow leg velvet pants from Equestrian — all flattering and fashionable, and all available at Merrick's.

And don't forget the significance of the belt — very big this season. "Belts are so important," reports Ms. Rachich. "They are a great way to accent. Some are even incorporated right into the skirt. Belts can be a piece of jewelry. A marcasite belt is wonderful with black jeans, and we see metallic belts, chain belts, and patent leather. They are just a terrific accent."

A few more tips from those in the know. First, you want to look your best, but you can't please everyone, so please yourself!

About the "LBD". Of course, it is everywhere, but it doesn't have to be on you. A story from a fashionista friend points this out. "When I was a freshman in high school, my brother was a senior. He was going to the senior prom, and my parents hosted a party at our house before the prom. I got to attend, as the helper, who filled the hors d'oeuvres tray, made sure the punch cups were full (and — with my parents — that no one spiked them!), etc. Almost every girl wore black. One

girl, however, arrived in a red, sequined dress, and every eye was on her. At that moment, I vowed never to wear black to a prom, dance, or any other affair!"

Belle of the Ball

"The following year, we moved away," she continues. "When I attended my first dance at my new high school, I wore a red dress. Again, most of the girls were in basic black. Casting modesty aside, I have to say that not only was I the belle of the ball, but every time the d.j. played 'Lady in Red', all the cute guys were lined up to dance with me! Since then, I've tried to avoid the LBD and wear red whenever I can."

Regarding red, as another friend recently said, "Red is hot — think chili! Short cocktail dresses or long evening dresses — whatever, think red! Think bright red. The blue states may have taken the election, but red is hot!"

Now, red may not be your color, but the point is wear what is your color and be happy in it. Your pleasure will shine through.

If the economy is a factor in assembling the wardrobe of today, take a page from another friend's book. Due to the economy, many money-conscious, as well as fashion-conscious, women are digging into their closets and bringing forth some classics. These older 'fashionistas' include investment bankers' wives who still have to look great at holi-

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CREATIVE CLOTHES: "Real life clothes with a little edge." That's the look at rouge, says owner Palge Petersen. A marvelous mix of merchandise is featured at this women's boutique, famous for carrying the latest fashions — "current, but with staying power," says Ms. Petersen. Popular this season are skinny jeans, with sexy tops, and the new trend is sleek waxed jeans (worn by Ms. Petersen), offering the look of leather, but which can be washed. Favorite lines in jeans are J Brand, Rich & Skinny, Hudson, and Paige Premium Denim. Silk baby doll tops with sheared waists and halter-styles are a perfect match with jeans, and can be worn in many settings. Colors for the holidays include vivid jewel tones, purples, eggplant, and of course, black. Scarves can absolutely make an outfit, and rouge has a beautiful selection. Other popular items include Hunter and Frye boots, Michael Stars T-shirts, and Rebecca Minkoff handbags. Hanky Panky panties make a great stocking stuffer, and the collection of Spanx will smooth and slim the waistline if one over-indulges at the holiday party scene. Also available is the wonderful line of Sloane Jewelry from the area designer, and the famous Dr. Hauska skincare products, as well as the popular Philosophy line, including the 3 + 1 — shampoo, shower gel, and bubble bath.

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day parties, but can't run out and buy the perfect outfit they've been able to select in the past.

As my friend reports, "I pulled out the sequined jackets and tops which were pushed to the back of the closet a few years ago. My daughter, a public relations executive in New York, says that sequins are hot this year. So, I'm pairing my classics with short black chiffon skirts (just above the knee for me) for those holiday parties in the Big Apple. In the interest of diversity, I can wear the same tops or jackets but with either long skirts or pants for the parties in Princeton."

There are guys at these parties too, and while the fashion impact may not be as intense as with the ladies, nevertheless, the men want to have a today's "look" (or at least their wives want them to!)

Three Levels

There is no better place for a guy to get the right fashion info than at Nick Hilton Princeton. Owner Nick Hilton has a history in men's fashion and offers friendly, knowledgeable advice.

"We think in terms of three levels," he points out. "Casual, business casual, and dressy. Basically level one is what you wear to clean out the basement."

Of course, he adds, parties can be different levels as well. "At an informal gathering with friends, level two could include shirt and trousers, and perhaps a sweater — pullover or cardigan. And a sweater vest can dress up the outfit. Lightweight corduroy pants and a shirt with a subtle pattern are nice. And, no tie. You can layer this with a sweater or sweater vest."

The next step, business casual or dressy casual, usually involves a blazer or sport-coat, he reports. "It can be with or without a tie, and a solid shirt or with a tiny pattern. It could also include a suit with no tie. This is a very elegant look now. But it should be a dark suit, and the overall effect shouldn't look as though you've just taken your tie off after work. It should be a planned look. Another look is a suit jacket, solid white shirt, jeans, and no tie."

A suit and tie is always appropriate, of course, as is a sportcoat and tie. But it is important that it is a co-ordinated outfit suitable to the occasion, explains Mr. Hilton. "Some sportcoats are more appropriate for evening wear. They have subtle patterns and darker colors. Other, often lighter, colors are appropriate for day time."

A cocktail party that is segueing into a full-scale blacktie gala calls for all-out formality, he adds. "More men make mistakes with formal dinner clothes than any other type of attire. Blacktie was invented so people would look alike."

He has definite opinions about what is appropriate, especially regarding the introduction of a four-in-hand tie worn with a tuxedo, often seen today. "A four-in-hand tie should not be worn with a tuxedo. It is not appropriate. A bow tie should be worn



HOLIDAY FASHION: Gayle DeAndrea, owner with Cheryl Goldsmith, of *Ma Chéri Boutique*, holds one of the store's holiday specialties: a Linda Segal black shell with white bodice, and sequined empire waist. A great look with black pants or skirt. Black is an important color at this new boutique, known for its eclectic selection. A sequined black jacket is a great match with a Ronan Chen shirt, and the metallic look is prevalent in many of the ensembles on display. Willow Sweaters, including a versatile jacket style, are not only terrific-looking, but are machine washable. Scarves, gloves, and also bright and colorful handbags made of recycled products are all big sellers. Beaded and sequined evening bags by Kenny Ma are a holiday must, and there is also a big selection of jewelry, from dramatic to delicate. An exclusive line for *Ma Chéri* is the popular Trollbeads, and Chamillia Beads (Create Your Own Bracelet) will have a trunk show at the store November 28, 29, and 30. The full line of Brighton Accessories, Seda candles, and charming handcrafted greeting cards are also available, as are gift certificates and Wish List registry.



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with a dinner jacket. And you don't necessarily need a sash (cummerbund)."

Over all, when attending a holiday party, as in other situations, common sense should prevail, says Mr. Hilton. "It is important for a guy to make sure there is a crease in his pants, that his shirt is freshly laundered, and tailoring is important."

Food and Drink

Food and drink are a big deal during the holidays. Without dwelling on the estimated typical five to seven-pound weight gain that many revelers incur between Thanksgiving and New Year's, suffice it to say that dining is an essential part of the festivities.

For a cocktail party, focusing on delicious appetizers and hors d'oeuvres and wines and spirits is de rigueur. Of course, non-alcoholic libations should be available as well.

When you plan your party, whether with the services of a caterer or on your own, it is wise to consult the experts. Here are some tips from those who know how it's done.

"When planning your cocktail party, consider the flow of your home, and where the guests will mingle," says Teri Lands, director of sales and catering, Main Street Fine Catering. "If you have one room that can accommodate all of your guests, then stationary foods would be appropriate. Remember to keep the food items easy to pick up. Items like filet of beef canapés and chicken satay allow guests to enjoy a bite without a fork and plate."

Heartier Choices

"If you prefer to serve

heartier choices but do not have enough tables and chairs, then 'fork only' foods work well. A nice lobster ravioli with sage cream sauce or chicken chausser (small medallions of chicken with mushrooms, plum tomatoes and onions in a Madeira sauce) works well."

Mediterranean platter with grilled mushrooms, roasted red peppers, oven-roasted tomatoes, eggplant tomato relish, hummus, cured meats such as prosciutto, salami, and mortadella, etc. Many of these items can be made with local ingredients."

In addition, continues Ms. Milis, "Over the past year, we have developed many themed menus, such as Caribbean, Mexican, and Pacific-Rim, to name a few. We have had many requests for the recipe of our Thai chicken salad, which we serve in Belgian endive leaves. Also, in keeping with the organic and locally-grown theme, we have been garnishing and decorating our trays with natural elements, such as herbs, edible flowers, nuts and berries, and gourds."

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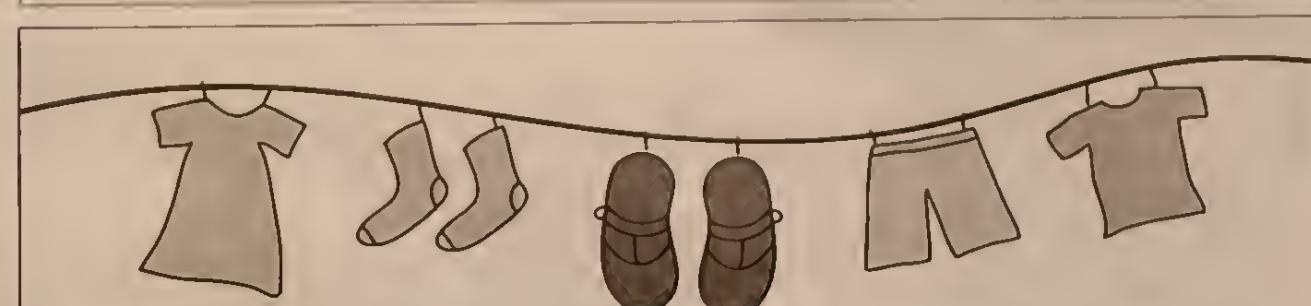
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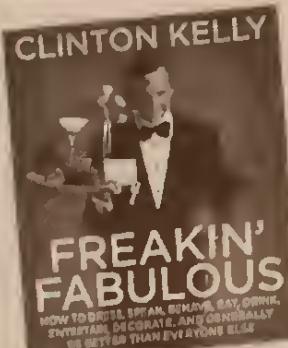
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Freakin' Fabulous

by Clinton Kelly

Freakin' Fabulous is the guide to dressing, speaking, behaving, eating, drinking, entertaining, decorating and generally being better than everyone else. Possibly the funniest Entertaining book this season, *Freakin' Fabulous* is filled with hilarious photos, witty commentary, and proven recipes. Kelly is the host of TLC's *What Not To Wear* and his style comes shining through in this book. You'll laugh out loud while on your way to "fabulousity".



Chanterelle:

The Story and Recipes of a Restaurant Classic

by David Waltuck and Andrew Friedman

For the first time ever, award-winning restaurateur David Waltuck opens his kitchen and shares the secrets behind his highly acclaimed food. *Chanterelle's* French classics are "woven together by the love affair between David and his wife, Karen." With a Foreword by Adam Gopnik, the beautiful coffee-table book takes the reader from the restaurant's history through chapters including Hors D'Oeuvres, Soups, First Courses, Side Dishes and Accompaniments to Desserts and Sources. Elegantly designed and photographed, this book would make an outstanding hostess gift.



Spain: A Culinary Road Trip

by Mario Batali with Gwyneth Paltrow

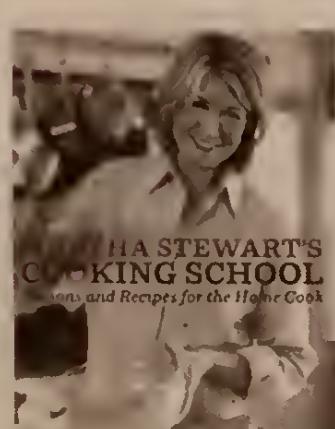
Mario Batali's Public Television series *Spain...On the Road Again* took him on a dream road trip through the country with Gwyneth Paltrow, Mark Bittman and Claudia Bassols. This book documents, with lush photos, anecdotes, insider information and recipes, the four strangers' trip around the country beginning and ending in Madrid. The "finale" in Madrid includes an entertaining "cook off" and "cocido" (madrileno hangover cure).



Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics

by Ina Garten

Food Network's Ina Garten uncovers the secrets to fabulous flavor from simple ingredients and shopping seasonally. Opening with "Cocktail Hour" and ending with "Breakfast" Ina Garten shares cooking secrets including her "magic ingredient": kosher salt, sea salt, or a very briny French sea salt called fleur de sel. With recipes as varied as "Indonesian grilled swordfish", "truffled filet of beef sandwiches", "maple-roasted butternut squash", "country French omelet", and "tri-berry oven pancakes", *Barefoot Contessa Back to Basics* has recipes to appeal to all palates.



Martha Stewart's Cooking School

by Martha Stewart

The book's dedication reads "To home cooks everywhere, may you always continue to learn" and Martha Stewart provides interesting material for experienced and new cooks alike. Subtitled "Lessons and Recipes for the Home Cook", this expansive cookbook is filled with step-by-step instructions and photographs, similar to those found in *Martha Stewart Living* magazine, but on a larger scale. Attention to detail and well-documented instructions are found in each of seven "lessons" including "Stocks and Soups", "Eggs", "Meat, Fish & Poultry", "Vegetables", "Pasta", "Dried Beans & Grains", and "Desserts". Definitely a "must have" for Martha Stewart fans.

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Nassau Street Seafood & Produce Company, everyone's favorite seafood market in Princeton, is known for its array of holiday party platters. You can't miss with these specialties, says owner Jack Morrison. Here are just some favorites that are in demand year after year. Baby crab cakes, tequila/lime shrimp, smoked salmon tartare, shrimp cocktail, coconut shrimp, scallops wrapped in bacon, smoked tuna spread, Montauk clam dip, clams Casino, clams oreganata, stuffed clams, oysters Florentine, and oysters cognac.

Holiday Cocktails

And what drinks to serve with all this delicious food? Wine, of course, including sparkling, is always welcome. But if you want to try something different and daring, there are a number of holiday cocktails to add a festive flavor.

Eggnog is certainly a seasonal choice, and can be served with the addition of rum or whiskey and grated nutmeg. Served in a punch bowl, it is pleasing to look at as well as to sip.

Hot cider drinks are very popular during the holidays, adds Lisa Curreri, bartender at the Alchemist & Barrister. A variety of cider drinks include hot-buttered apple cider, with other ingredients, such as butterscotch Schnapps, apple jack, and liqueur 43.

Hot apple cider is also a tasty drink without the addition of alcohol.

Mattias Hagglund, bartender at the new elements Restaurant, also enjoys preparing a special cider cocktail, "Orchard Road". This includes Kentucky vintage bourbon, Terhune Orchards' cider, bitters, and lemon, with grated cinnamon over the top. It is served cold.

A hot drink on the elements' menu is Mr. Hagglund's unique hot toddy, with sweet Kentucky bourbon, tea, lemon, and aga-

ve nectar (type of honey), served in a martini glass.

Sweet Tooth

Mr. Hagglund also plans to introduce a special family drink. "We are Scandinavian, and from December 13 through New Year's, mulled wine is traditionally served. It's a dessert wine, with spices, cinnamon, citrus, red wine, and vodka. It is served warm with almonds and raisins."

Flavored drinks are popular today, agree both bartenders, and customers with a sweet tooth like hot chocolate brandy and "Hot Banana Split" with hot chocolate, brandy, creme de banana, and whipped cream, notes Ms. Curreri. "Also, traditionally popular is Godiva chocolate liqueur, mixed with vanilla vodka, Bailey's Irish Cream, and garnished with chocolate syrup (chocolate swirled in the glass)."

Manhattans are especially popular in winter, she adds. "Our 'Nassau Manhattan' includes three parts Woodford Reserve whiskey, one part sweet vermouth, and a dash of cherry juice. Stir the ingredients in a shaker — do not shake — and garnish with a cherry."

Martinis continue to be favored, whatever the season, and for something different, there is an espresso martini and chocolate martini. And for a change from brandy on its own, try the A & B's "Alexander the Great", including equal parts house brandy, dark chocolate liqueur, and a balance of heavy cream and cinnamon.

For those who enjoy champagne in their cocktails, the A & B offers the "Zinger", with 3/4 champagne, heavy splash of cranberry and apple juice, garnished with three cranberries, and served in a large wine glass. Another possibility is the "Red Velvet", with a heavy splash of champagne, Chambord, and a balance of Guinness, also served in a large wine glass.

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without the Guinness, and with a twist of lemon. "Also popular is champagne with a little gin, bitters, and a splash of cranberry," points out Mr. Hagglund.

Bitters is an addition to many cocktails, he adds, and it has an interesting

history. "Originally, bitters was developed by a ship's captain to help alleviate sea sickness in sailors. In fact, it is still used to help with indigestion. It has a high alcohol content. The ingredients, including rinds from fruits, such as lemon, lime, and orange, and also cloves, are steeped in high alcohol liquor. It can add tang and

smoothness to a drink. We will be making our own bitters at elements."

It is amazing what interesting information one can pick up sitting at a bar!

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—Jean Stratton



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THANKS FOR WHAT?

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QUESTION: Forgive me for being a cynic, but what is Thanksgiving really all about? The Dow is down. Unemployment is rising and financial institutions have fallen. Everybody is talking about a recession. And on top of this, I just got over the worst case of the flu that I have had in years. Now, you clergy are telling me to celebrate Thanksgiving by thanking God for all he has done for me. Thanks for what?

ANSWER: Certainly, we all have a lot on our plates, but getting lost in a negative forest of cynicism is not going to help. Here are a few thoughts:

A. Focus on the Positives: All too often the intrusive, in-your-face negatives of life cloud our vision. While we should face problems squarely, there is little to be gained by dwelling on them. Instead, we need to not magnify the negatives, but see them in the light of countless positives that we all too often take for granted. Below are but a few.

B. What Positives?

1. Health: You had the flu. But, you have recovered. Aching and coughing are replaced with ease of movement and the ability to take a deep breath. Even in the midst of the flu, you read a book, watched TV, took a nap, and warmed yourself with a hot cup of tea and a fuzzy blanket.

2. Wealth: What really is your net worth? While material wealth is wonderful, you cannot take it with you. What you attain in life is the small goal. The big goal is who you become by how you relate to others. Your family loves you more because you gave them your heart, not just your wallet.

3. Spouse: Begin to look at the wealth right under your nose. Realize how lucky you are to have a wife who loves you, realizing that while she may have a few weaknesses, her strengths are far greater. Your marital vow is like a protective bubble, keeping interference out and intensity in your relationship. Who benefits from all that love? Take a guess.

4. Senses: How fortunate you are to be able to see a sunset, listen to a concert, smell flowers, taste a turkey dinner, and feel the warmth of a hot shower.

5. Intellect: Imagine not being able to go to school, read a magazine, talk with a friend, or creatively solve an annoying problem.

6. Will: You can love and be loved, the caring of wife, kids and friends making up for an army of bad breaks.

7. God: You are so loved by God that he was born in a manger instead of a palace, grew up as a carpenter in Nazareth vs. a Prince in Jerusalem, and died naked on a cross for your sins vs. surrounded by his family and friends at his bedside.

8. Salvation: The result of God's love is your salvation. We would jump for joy if a doctor could extend our lives by 10 years. How about eternity!

So, there is plenty for which to give thanks. Dust off your bifocals, kiss your wife, bend your knee in church, and see the treasures that surround you every day of your life, even in the midst of all our troubles.

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Unfortunately, many others in our area know very well what it is like not to have enough to eat, or a home of their own, or even a warm coat in winter.

Such deprivation can only become worse during the current economic crisis; and the annual holiday festivities emphasize even more the needs of those who must do without.

There are ways to help, however. In our area, organizations such as the Crisis Ministry, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, South Brunswick Social Services Department, and Womanspace, among others, have long histories of serving others, and they are always in need of volunteers or donations to help them reach the most people they can.

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In addition, the organization provides free income tax preparation for clients, and there is a need for a tax preparer for whom Crisis Ministry provides training.

For further information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Elizabeth Ferguson at (609) 396-9355, ext. 24, or consult the website: www.thecrisisministry.com.

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) was founded in the early 1980s by a small group of individuals from local churches and service organizations. Their goal was to feed the truly needy people of Trenton five days a week. On a cold day in January of 1982, 60 hungry people gathered for the free meal in the basement of a Trenton church. By the end of that year, more than 40,000 meals had been served. No one knew there were so many hungry people in Trenton.

In 1987, a new headquarters on Escher Street in Trenton was established, and since then, the activities of TA5K have expanded to include outreach programs, such as adult education, computer training, health-care counseling, screening and referrals, social services, children's activities, and arts and crafts.

Serving times for meals are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 3 to 5:30 p.m. Those interested in helping with meals on Christmas Day must register by December 1. For information on volunteering, call (609) 695-5456 or consult the website: www.trentonsoupkitchen.com. To mail a donation, send to TASK, P.O. Box 872, Trenton, N.J. 08605.

Another organization in our area, the South Brunswick Social Services Department, operates a food pantry throughout the year, as well as an extensive holiday pro-

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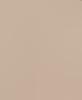
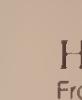
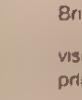
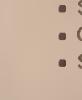
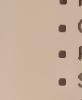
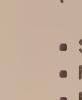
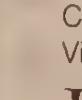
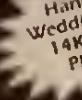
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gram. Additional food and gifts are provided for those in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"Right now, we need volunteers who can easily lift heavy boxes, sort food to make sure it is not past the expiration date, pack food boxes, and help families get them into cars," says Social Services Director Lou Anne Wolfe. "Also, our biggest needs are more food, gift cards for turkeys, or frozen turkeys, and monetary donations for our Human Interaction Trust Fund. We help families throughout the year with emergency issues of rental assistance, utility bills, water/sewer bills, medical bills, and the like."

She adds that the organization is currently packing boxes of food, but many are un-

filled due to shortages. They are in need of coffee, Parmalot or other boxed milk, canned tuna, jelly, pumpkin mix, Jello/puddings, macaroni and cheese, dried soups, and cereal. Also needed are canned pastas, such as ravioli, canned fruit, stuffing, gravy, and muffin mixes.

"We know that in these tough economic times, everyone is hurting," notes Ms. Wolfe. "But if people can dig deep into their hearts and pockets and help those less fortunate during the holidays, it would mean even more. What a great way to feel good about life around you!"

Those wishing to help may call (732) 329-4000, ext. 7674 or email: lwolf@sbtnj.net.

Luminary Kits

At dusk on Sunday, December 14, hundreds of people, scores of organizations and community groups, and the 13 municipalities of Mercer County will light thousands of candles in support of Womanspace's annual Communities of Light event. This is the largest single project in Mercer County designed to benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The candles come from special luminary kits produced by Womanspace, and are available in many stores and businesses in the Princeton area and beyond. Purchasing a kit (\$10 for six candles) is one way of supporting Womanspace.

There are many other ways to support this organization, which is the only non-profit agency serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Mercer County. It is a comprehensive provider, offering emergency and crisis services, safe housing, counseling, and legal assistance for victims, survivors, and their families.

Financial help is always needed, as well as donations of in-kind goods and services. Supporting Womanspace with gift cards is one of the best ways to help, notes Susan D. Klejst, Director of Development. "Financial support is critical. A healthy flow of private business and individual

donations are crucial to sustaining our services. Donations of in-kind goods and services are also high on our priority list."

Extra Clothes

Supporting Womanspace's clients with gift cards is one of the best ways to help. "Donated gift cards are a cherished donation because they allow the flexibility to get the victim and her family exactly what they need — the right item and in the right size — and exactly when they need it. Many families who come to our shelter do not have any extra clothes with them. Often, we do not have what is needed for them. And, it's not just clothing that is needed. Prescription medicines, infant supplies, school books/supplies, and other essential items must be purchased."

Womanspace has a Wish List, identifying needed items, and among them are toys, personal care and hair products, and clothing. Items urgently needed for women include sleepwear, small and medium-sized underwear, new sneakers and winter boots. For infants to 10-year-olds: winter boots and sneakers, sleepwear, underwear, and slippers; Playschool toys for new-borns to age three, also, toys, such as Lego sets, trucks, cars, trains, finger paints, clay, dolls (especially African-American and Latino), board games, basketballs and soccer balls.

For boys and girls 11 to 16: underwear, winter boots, sneakers, gloves, hats, and scarves, coats, including for spring, sweat suits, and jeans; electronic games, playing cards, model kits, craft and paint kits, drawing paper and kits, journals, pens, and pencils.

Other items needed are wrapping paper, Scotch tape, gift bags, ribbon, and gift tags. Gift cards may be obtained at such stores as Walmart, Target, ShopRite, and CVS, among others.

Holiday donations (unwrapped) can be delivered to the Womanspace Counseling Center at 1860 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville Monday and Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. from December 1 through December 15.

For those wishing to contribute over the long-term, Womanspace has need of domestic violence response team members and sexual assault support advocates. The organization is considering a daytime training schedule for spring 2009. Those interested should contact Susan Adams, Womanspace Coordinator of Volunteers and Community Outreach at (609) 394-0136, or email: saa@womanspace.org. Website: www.womanspace.com.

Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS) has a long history of volunteer service in various areas of the health-care system. While it does not focus on holiday volunteering, it welcomes volunteers throughout the year to help in the hospital at Merwick Care Center, Hospice, and Homecare.

Volunteers are all ages and from all backgrounds, notes Greg Barron, manager of volunteer services. High school and college students and individuals from the community all play important parts in the volunteer circle.

"Although it is a great thought to contribute your services around the holiday season, we require our prospective volunteers to complete an application, go

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The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism

by Naomi Klein



The Shock Doctrine powerfully contests the myth that the global free market triumphed democratically. Investigative journalist Klein documents the drastic and painful corporate reengineering of societies destabilized by war, economic collapse or natural disaster. Klein traces the intellectual origins of disaster capitalism back to the University of Chicago's economics department under Milton Friedman, who saw crisis as an opportunity to advance economic policies that had been previously unthinkable. Hailed by historians and journalists such as Seymour Hersh, Chalmers Johnson and Howard Zinn, Klein's book contributes a chilling and necessary perspective on our response to the crisis unfolding right now.

The Dark Side

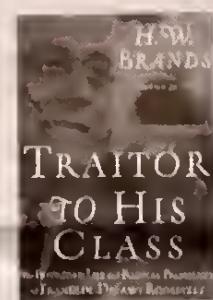
by Jane Mayer



An investigative journalist for The New Yorker, Mayer documents how in the paranoid and chaotic atmosphere that prevailed among Washington leadership in the aftermath of the 9-11 attack, the U.S. made terrible decisions in the pursuit of terrorists around the world. Dick Cheney and his adviser David Addington seized the opportunity to enhance presidential powers and to obliterate constitutional protections in heretofore unprecedented ways. This is a powerful reckoning with how the war on terror and its attendant reliance upon torture as weapon of war has damaged American democracy.

Traitor to His Class: The Privileged Life and Radical Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

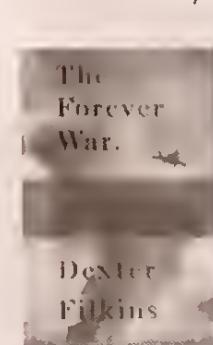
by H. W. Brands



The bestselling historian provides a masterful biography of Roosevelt, the American president whose leadership and responses to the crisis of his day will be at the center of many policy discussions to come. According to 2006 Pulitzer winner, David Oshinsky, Brands shows "a leader who got the big issues right and, in doing so, forever changed the expectations of the world."

The Forever War

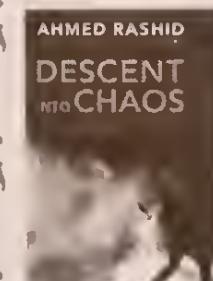
by Dexter Filkins



New York Times foreign correspondent Filkins is an extraordinarily insightful journalist who has become deeply familiar with the war-torn regions of Afghanistan and Iraq. Filkins provides journalistic witness to the rise of the Taliban in the early 1990's, continues with the experience on the ground in NYC in 2001 during and after the WTC attacks, and moves on to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Full of astonishing detail, this war narrative conveys the experience on the ground of all kinds of people swept up in war and provides a devastating and deeply moving account of the reality of contemporary warfare.

Descent into Chaos

by Ahmed Rashid



30-year veteran Pakistani journalist Rashid is well known for his 2000 book *The Taliban*, which was among the books most widely read in the aftermath of the 2001 WTC attacks. Now, as support for an escalation of U.S. involvement in Afghanistan appears to be increasing, Rashid gives excellent insight into the competition for influence within Afghanistan among the great and emerging world powers. Rashid's proposed solutions correspond with those currently being considered by the incoming Obama administration and will thus shed light on what to expect regarding Afghanistan from the next president.

A People's History of Sports in the United States

by Dave Zirin



A rising star in journalism, Dave Zirin brings a hilariously entertaining and sharply political edge to the debates that emerge out of the nexus of politics and sports. Zirin offers an illuminating and persuasive alternative history of the United States as seen through the dramatic contests and sometimes outsize personalities that have emerged from the world of sports. Zirin always looks at sports not as a distraction or a pastime, but as a fascinating arena in which the political conflicts that shape American society are played out.



SEASONAL SIGNS: Charles Peterson, III, of Peterson's Landscaping & Nursery, is shown by one of the decorated theme trees in the nursery's popular Christmas Shop. A big variety of holiday items includes collectible Santas, angel figurines, and nutcrackers, as well as ornaments, and all decorating needs and supplies. Fraser and Douglas fir cut trees are available from two feet to 12 feet, and live balled trees are also in stock. Fresh balsam wreaths and mixed green wreaths are both popular in all sizes, from eight inches to four feet. Known for its wonderful display of poinsettias, Peterson's offers all colors in four-inch to 10-inch pots. Cyclamen, Christmas cactus, and paper whites are other popular holiday plants. A selection of artificial trees, including small tabletop sizes, are also available. Bird feed and feeders are in full supply, as is seasoned firewood. Complimentary hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies will be offered on weekends, and Peterson's popular electric train and holiday village once again delights visitors, young and old alike.

Volunteering

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through an orientation, and receive a TB test prior to becoming an active member," he explains. "We would be pleased to help you become a volunteer throughout the year."

For further information, call (609) 497-4273. Website: www.princetonhcs.org/page4805.aspx.

—Jean Stratton

Meals including lobster bisque, prime rib, pan-seared salmon, and pumpkin bread pudding. Nearly every dish features ingredients from among the following local vendors: Muth Farm, Terhune Farm, Green Valley Farm, Hillside Farm, Taste of Nature, Stoltzfus Farm, and Pleasant Valley Farm. To reserve a table for Thanksgiving, call (609) 924-6011.

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- Mercer Street Food Bank

Common spices, such as salt, pepper, oregano and dill; rice, canned protein such as tuna and chicken. Non-perishable nutrient dense food items, personal hygiene items, shrink wrap, grocery bags and packing tape. No glass containers, please. Plastic containers, cans and cardboard boxes are all acceptable.

- Mercer Street Friends Parenting and Adult Service

Disposable diapers for children in all sizes. New or gently used baby clothing, baby carriers and baby furniture such as cribs, playpens, bassinets, changing tables, high chairs, and toddler tables with chairs. New linen, baby dishes and receiving blankets. Toddler art supplies, board books, large puzzle pieces.

- Mercer Street Friends Children and Youth Services

Gently used clothing for infants and toddlers, new mittens, gloves and scarves, gently used and cleaned warm coats, new or gently used children's books for all ages

- Mercer Street Friends Home Health Services

Ensure in cans and bars for low-income patients. Toiletries, such as shampoo, moisturizing lotion, shaving cream liquid soap (no glass containers, please).



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Wish List: **Camp and After-school:** Arts and crafts supplies; glue sticks, construction paper, glitter, markers, pencils, erasers, scissors, etc. • Television and DVD player for rainy days (can be one unit or separate) • DVD Movies • Lumber, nails and screws to construct new picnic tables • Gift certificates to local eateries for snacks on walking trips (Halo Pub, Thomas Sweet, Ricky's, etc.) • **Child Development Center** (All items need to be professional grade) • **Infant Room:** Storage Shelves (3) • Glider • Cribs (2 needed for Emergency situations) • Changing station (2) • Hanging diaper storage; **Toddler Rooms:** Toddler changing cabinet with steps • Mini discovery tables (2) • Hallway cubbies (8) • Beach tone tiny tot seating group • Portable sinks (2); **KinderPrep:** Wireless recorder/player • Headphones (3); **Also,** Center Wide professional laminator • New toys and games for all rooms.



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Route 522 West, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

(732) 329-4000 ext 7674

Social Services is a division of the Department of Parks and Recreation that specializes in individual needs for members of the community. Crisis intervention provided immediate assistance for those in need. The Food Pantry, assistance with utility bills, rent, and food certificates are some of the services we provide. All funds are provided from donations from generous individuals, groups, schools, churches and businesses. If you would like to make a donation to the Human Intervention Fund, please make checks payable to Human Intervention Trust Fund, P.O. Box 190, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. We also accept donations of gift cards from Stop n' Shop, ShopRite, CVS, Walgreens, Wal-Mart and Target. **The South Brunswick Food Pantry** is greatly in need of the following items for Thanksgiving: Coffee/Tea, Parmalat, MAC & CHEESE, Jell-O, Cereal, Oatmeal, Chef Boy-R-Dee, Paper Goods, Baked Beans, Canned Meats, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, Pumpkin, Peanut Butter, Rice, Boxed Potatoes, Stuffing, Muffin Mix, Gravy

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Wish List Items: Art supplies • Educational materials (for both parents and children) • Toys and games • Gift cards e.g. Target, Wal Mart, supermarket • New or gently used preschool-aged child clothing.



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The Arc Mercer wish for the following:

For our **Residential program/Group Homes** there is a need for games, DVD movies (appropriately rated), bedroom furniture or personal hygiene items such as, lotions soaps, shower gels etc. We can also use, winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves.

For our **Aftercare/Respite, Adult Care**, there is a need for crayons/markers, books, coloring books, puzzles and games.

For our **Nursery/Daycare** (ages infant – 5 yrs), there is a need for children books.

Recreation program wish for games, movies



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2. Caring adults interested in becoming Big Brothers or Big Sisters

3. Donations of any amount to support our programs.*

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We always need:

• Dog beds and pads, blankets, coverlets, small rugs, or old clothing (sweaters, jerseys, etc.), shampoo (gentle, tearless, or puppy shampoos) and conditioners.

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